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FRANCE WANTS AN OFFICIAL REPLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Authorised circles here emphasize that the Japanese Foreign Office spokesman's statement on the Yunnan Railway bombing cannot be considered by the French Government as Japan's official reply to the French protest.

An official answer to the French Government's demarches both to Tokyo and the Japanese Ambassador in Paris is expected.—Havas.

HOLLAND'S MILITARY SENSATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

A sensation was created here by the news of the resignation of General Reynnders, Commander of the Netherlands Forces. Official sources are silent regarding the reasons, but it is rumoured that he resigned when certain political and military measures he asked for were rejected.

General Reynnders, it is said, advocated an immediate and complete mobilization for facing an eventual threat from Germany this Spring. He also demanded the enforcement of martial law and the expulsion from the army of all politically dubious elements—particularly Nazi sympathisers.

PRO-GERMAN OFFICERS

This measure would apply to at least 180 officers who had officially severed connections with the Dutch Nazi Party but whose leanings towards the Reich were well known.

At the same time, most papers connect General Reynnders's resignation with that of the Belgian General Chief of Staff Vandenberg.

The nomination of General Winkelmann to fill General Reynnders's post is unanimously approved.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—North and north-east winds, fresh; cloudy generally, probably some drizzle.

MEDIATION TALK REVIVED IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

WHILE THE LATEST Finnish successes against the Soviets have led to much jubilation in London and Paris, the "Daily Telegraph" this morning introduces a note of warning against over-optimism.

The newspaper learns reliably that while the 18th Soviet Division has been wiped out, the Reds are presenting a serious threat both to Summa, in the south-west portion of the Karelian Isthmus, and to Viborg, at the lower end of the Mannerheim Line.

The journal states that Red vanguards have established themselves only a few miles from Summa in a sudden thrust, while a flanking movement, aiming at the capture of Viborg, is meeting with success.

If the latter drive proves successful, the "Daily Telegraph" adds, it would seriously endanger the whole of the Finnish right flank.

ARMISTICE TALK

Meanwhile, well-informed circles in Paris believe that should the new Soviet push in Finland fail, Moscow will probably attempt to secure German mediation and disband Kusined's puppet government, well-informed circles believe.

The Kremlin apparently fully realizes now the immense loss of prestige suffered by Russia, and this is already being felt in her negotiations with Japan and the Reich.

This is why the Soviets decided to end the Finnish operations one way or another as soon as possible.

HELSINKI'S VIEW

Helsinki, on the other hand, is maintaining a most cautious attitude and from the beginning of the conflict has not proclaimed any definite political stand.

Such an attitude, it is considered, is

NAZI DUMP EXPLOSION

BASLE, TO-DAY

CONFIRMATION HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED OF THE EXPLOSION OF A HUGE MUNITIONS DUMP BEHIND THE SIEGFRIED LINE AT THE WEEK-END.

In addition, it is learned, an electrical works petrol supplies and stores were destroyed.

The Nazi explanation is that "a few cans of petrol caught fire owing to the carelessness of workers," but this does not account for the tremendous force of the explosion.—Reuter.

FRENCH FAR EASTERN MANOEUVRES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hanoi, To-day.

The French Indo-China Army has just completed manoeuvres in the Kamjot Region, Cambodia, on the right bank of the Mekong River.

The manoeuvres were the first to be held following the thorough re-organization of the army last year. The army was numerically doubled, its material and equipment was renewed, and facilities were created in Indo-China to ensure the army a constant supply of ammunition.

Special attention was devoted to the air force. Personnel for training recruits has been increased.

The re-organization was carried out under the direction of one of the ablest war chiefs, Governor-General Catroux, and showed entirely satisfactory results during the manoeuvres just completed.—Havas.

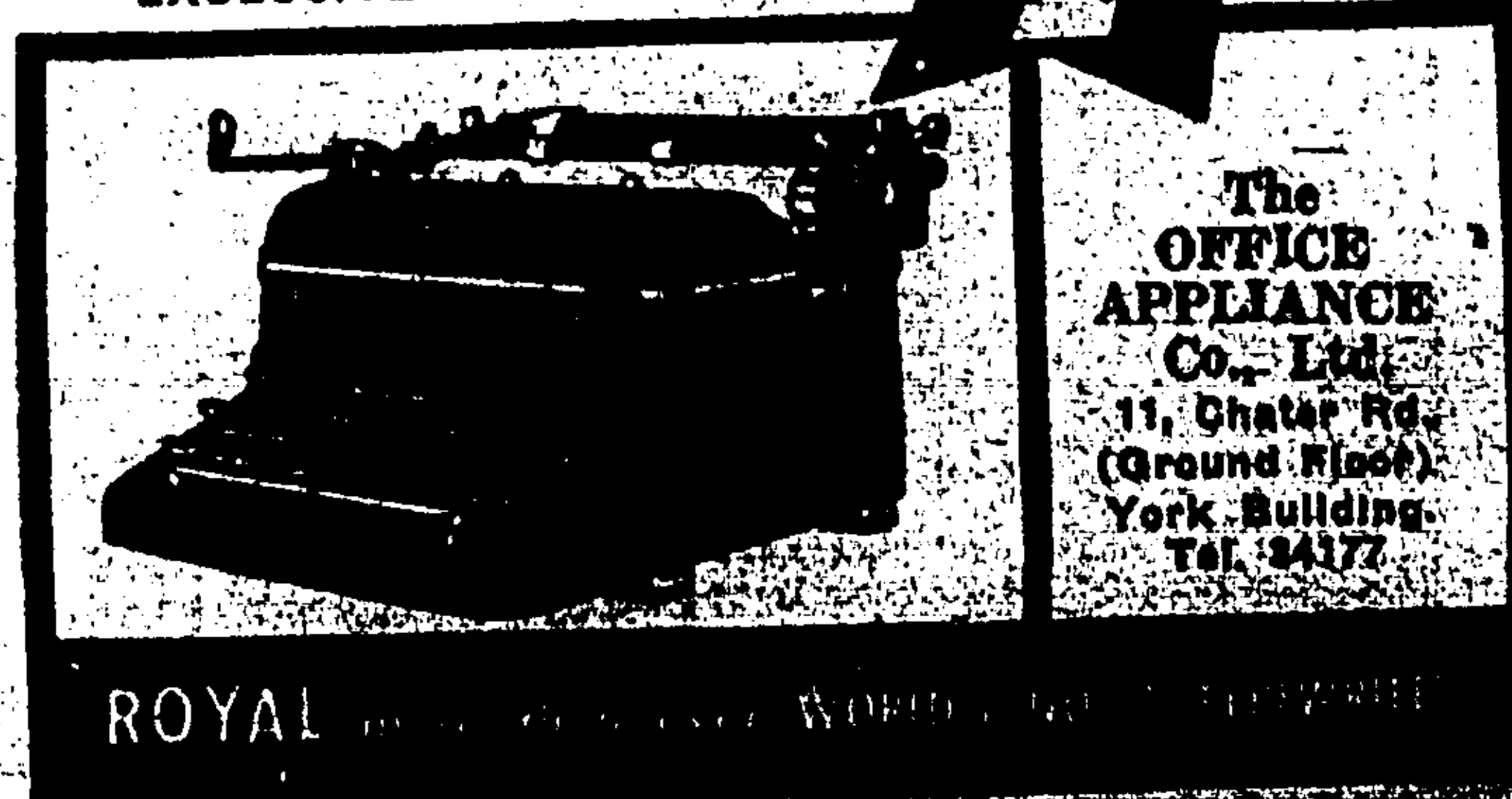


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MEETING OF WAR COUNCIL IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL

Paris, To-day.

THE FIFTH MEETING of the Supreme War Council
of the Allies was held in Paris yesterday, sessions
taking place in the morning and afternoon.

The British delegation comprised
Mr. Chamberlain (Premier), Lord
Halifax (Foreign Secretary), Mr.
Winston Churchill (First Lord of the
Admiralty), Sir Kingsley Wood (Air
Minister) and Mr. Oliver Stanley
(War Minister).

They were accompanied by Sir
Ronald Campbell (Ambassador in
Paris), Sir Alexander Cadogan (of
the Foreign Office), Admiral Sir
Dudley Pound (First Sea Lord) and
General Sir Edmund Ironside (Chief
of Imperial General Staff).

A communique states that various
questions were given particular con-
sideration, with the object of ensur-
ing still greater efficacy in real
Franco-British collaboration.

COMPLETE AGREEMENT

Questions of supply were given
special attention, and complete agree-
ment was reached on all points
examined.

France was represented by M.
Daladier (Premier), M. Campinchi
(Navy Minister), Mr. Guy LaCham-
bre (Air Minister) and M. Deribes
(of the Foreign Office), accompanied
by M. Alexis Leger (of the Foreign
Office), General Gamelin (Allied
Commander-in-Chief), Admiral Dar-
lan (Navy chief), General Vuillemin
(Air chief) and General Decamp. —
Reuter.

FULL COMMUNIQUE

Paris, To-day.

The full text of the Supreme Coun-
cil communique, after recounting the
names of the participants, states that
the British delegates were welcomed
by Premier Daladier who said he
regretted that owing to his recent ac-
cident it was impossible for him to

BRIDGE BUILT OF ICE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

A bridge built of ice across
the River Elbe was inaugurated
recently at Bretzsch, according
to the "Frankfurter Zeitung."
The bridge, which is 330 yards
long, is formed of ice one foot
thick. — Havas.

travel to England for the meeting of
the Council there. Mr. Chamberlain
expressed the sympathy of the British
representatives with M. Daladier and
their pleasure that he is making so
good a recovery.

The Council examined under every
aspect various factors in the present
situation as it affects the general
conduct of the war.

ALLIED CO-OPERATION

Various questions were given parti-
cular consideration in the spirit of
close co-operation which inspires the
actions of the two Governments with
the object of ensuring still greater
efficacy in the realm of Franco-British
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OUTSIDE ROADS ISSUE NOT YET SETTLED

Shanghai, To-day.

NO DOCUMENTS in connection with the outside roads issue will be signed by the Municipal Council and the Chinese authorities until the return of the Chairman, Mr. Cornell Franklin, who left for Dairen last Saturday, the "China Press" learns.

While it is not yet known whether the Consular Body has approved the agreement, well-informed circles state that endorsement by the Consuls is a certainty.

JAPANESE FEAR OF REPRISALS

Tsingtao, To-day.

The necessity of placating British public opinion in connection with the Yangtse and the Tsingtao wharves questions was emphasised by Mr. H. Watanabe, of the Ministry of Communications in Tokyo, during his recent tour of inspection here, it is revealed by reliable sources.

Mr. Watanabe is reported to have stated that reprisals on the part of Britain would be dangerous in view of the present strained relations between Japan and the United States.

According to the "Shantung Mainichi," he added that the Japanese Government caused the Yangtse to be opened to third-power vessels because it considered that shipping must be resumed on a just basis, otherwise reprisals might follow.

MORE COMPETITION

The Japanese Government, however, were resolved to compete with foreign shipping in the most determined manner. Mr. Watanabe is said to have revealed that Japanese shipping competition, under the management of the Toa Kalun Kaisha, will become more intense in

Settlement of the problem is said to be based on a joint police force. This separate body, to be headed by a Commissioner nominated by the Chinese Municipality, and aided by a deputy appointed by the S.M.C., will take over complete control of the outside roads area.

In a leading article on the subject the "China Press" says that although it is learned both parties have agreed to the joint police force, there seem to be many difficulties which have not yet been ironed out.

TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS

Two major problems are the question of courts, on one hand, and on the other hand the ticklish and unpleasant situation created by the existence of gambling houses, opium houses and smoking dens.

CONSTABLE CHARGED

At the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, an Indian constable (PCB756), Fazal Karim, 24, attached to the Police Training School, was accused of stealing \$24.66, the property of the Government, on February 3. No plea was taken and the case was fixed for hearing on February 10.

China.

Two more ships will soon be put on the Tientsin-Shanghai, Tientsin-Canton and Dairen-Canton lines. The T. K. K. expect a Government subsidy of Y6,000,000 and propose to build 70,000 tons this year and 80,000 tons next year. When this building programme is completed, Mr. Watanabe thinks Japanese shipping can monopolise the China trade. — Reuter.

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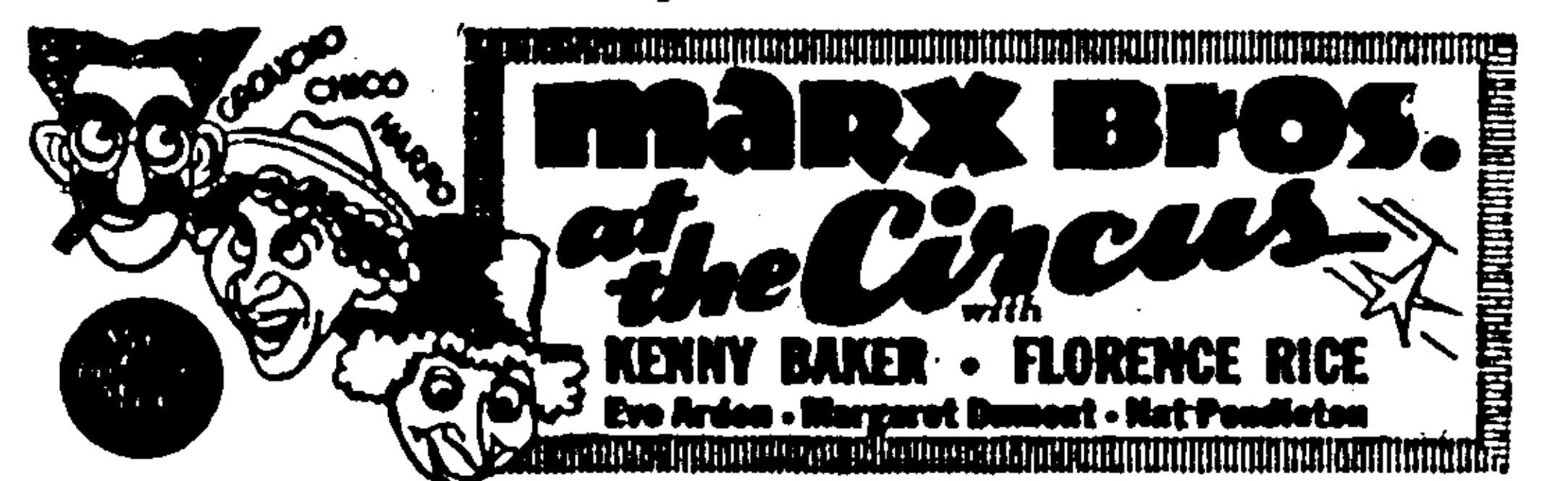
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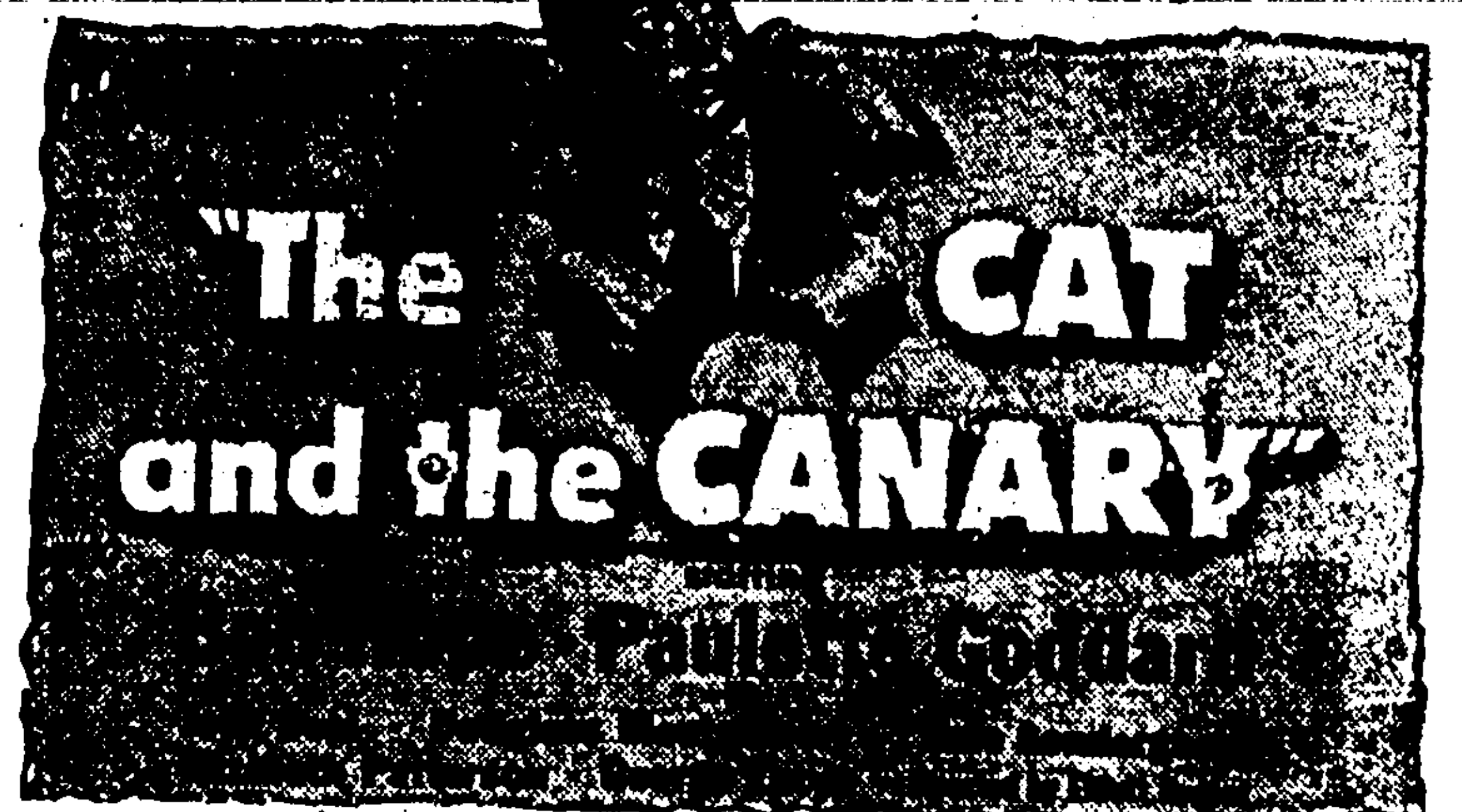
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London Pleased With Balkan Entente Conference Result

TALK OF GESTURE BY RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

THE MAIN AIM OF THE Balkan Entente conference, which has just concluded, was the creation of a bloc of all nations of Balkan and Danubian Europe whose interests are identical.

Indication that the conference's pre-occupation was to win over Hungary and Bulgaria is seen in the message of their final communique expressing the decision to "watch in common over the safe-keeping of rights, independence and national territory."

The fact that the communique used the expression "national territory" instead of "territorial integrity," constitutes some sort of moral concession to Bulgaria and Hungary by Rumania, meaning that the signatories aim to preserve territory inhabited by their nationals and not necessarily corresponding with the present boundaries.

RUMANIAN GESTURE

This lends belief that Rumania might consent to some gesture to Hungary and Bulgaria granting perhaps some rights to inhabitants of the provinces of Transylvania and Dobruja, which belonged respectively to these two countries.

Much significance is attached to the recent activity of the Turkish Foreign Minister, Sukru Sarajoglu, who had talks with Bulgarian statesmen.—Havas.

TURKISH MEDIATION POLICY

PARIS, TO-DAY.

WHEN M. SARAJOGLU, THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, PASSES THROUGH SOFIA EN ROUTE TO ANKARA FROM BELGRADE, HE WILL HAVE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BULGARIAN PREMIER.

Main object of the interview, according to a message from Istanbul, is his hope of carrying a step further

SWISS SPY ARRESTS

Berne, To-day.

A woman of foreign nationality living in a hotel in Lausanne has been arrested in connexion with the Swiss espionage case, according to the "Lausanne Gazette."

Another woman, believed to be German, living in Basle, and a man were arrested in a hotel at Olten on Sunday on suspicion of spying.—Reuter.

Turkey's policy of mediation between Bulgaria and the other Balkan States.—Reuter.

LONDON PLEASED

London, To-day.

In regard to the Balkan Entente talks Reuter learns that no full information has yet reached London, but stories which have appeared in the press seem to afford every reason for satisfaction at the result of the conference.

The friendly references by the Yugo-Slav and Rumanian Ministers to their neighbouring States also gives cause for satisfaction in London.

The outcome of the talks may be regarded as making for the security of conditions in south-east Europe.—Reuter.

HOSPITAL SHIP BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

SOVIET BOMBERS YESTERDAY ATTACKED AND MACHINEGUNNED A FINNISH HOSPITAL SHIP WHICH WAS LYING CLOSE TO SHORE.

The patients were hurriedly removed to nearby woods, and during the process of transfer they were chased by four Red planes.

The hospital ship is stated to have been slightly damaged by bombs.—Havas.

SOFIA DISAPPOINTED OVER BELGRADE TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.

BULGARIAN OFFICIAL circles are showing their disappointment over the results of the Belgrade conference.

"The situation in the Balkans remains what it was, and even more so," the semi-official newspaper "Slovo" declares, adding:—

"Nevertheless, it can be hoped that most important parleys took place in the lobbies of the conference and were not reflected in the final statement."

"If Rumania does not cede anything, it clearly means that the danger threatening her is not either great or imminent," the newspaper "Berne Wacht," in Berne, declares, commenting on the Belgrade conference.

"Apparently something of which nothing is yet known took place and gave Bucharest increased confidence."

"It is possible that Germany promised Bucharest to intervene in Moscow, against a Rumanian promise to increase the delivery of raw materials to the Reich."—Havas.

DUKE'S PADRE TO BECOME AMERICAN

Hollywood, To-day.

Exiled because he married the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, the Rev. J. E. Jardine has completed plans for becoming an American citizen.

As soon as his birth certificate and other papers arrive from England, he said yesterday, he wants to apply for his "first papers."

He indicated that this should be done within two months. He will make his home in Hollywood.—Reuter.

SUBSTITUTE FOR PETROL

London, To-day.

The feasibility of using producer gas as an alternative to petrol as fuel for commercial vehicles is announced in a Report published yesterday.

In May, 1937, a committee was set up under the chairmanship of Sir Harold Hartley to consider alternative fuels which might be available in a national emergency, and the steps by which they arrived at their conclusions and the experiments undertaken to supply producer equipment are revealed.

The committee states that satisfactory results can be obtained by the use of equipment designed by them, and fuel to produce gas is, in their opinion, readily available for several thousand vehicles and it is anticipated that this will be increased to provide for 10,000 in the near future.

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BRITAIN'S IMPASSABLE AIR DEFENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Military experts point out that the recent Nazi air attacks against Britain show that the British protection barrier is practically impassable, and some are of the opinion that the role of the Air Force will probably be less important than previously expected.

Some experts think Germany can expect tangible results from her air attacks against Britain only if the German High Command manage to build air bases nearer England.

Hence German action against Holland and Belgium remains possible.—Havas.

DARE NOT DRIVE THEM TOO FAR

Zurich, To-day.

A Berlin telegram to the "Neue Deutsche Zeitung" says that all the new taxation and war economy plans which were ventilated in Germany last month have been shelved for the time being.

It is considered psychologically unwise to place fresh burdens on the public while they are suffering from the present shortage of coal, potatoes and other vegetables, and fruit.

The despatch adds that the difficult problem of financing the war thus remains unsolved, with the result that signs of inflation are becoming more and more evident.

Despite control, prices and wages are going up and the shortage of goods has given rise to a flourishing "black market," in which objects change hands at prices far above normal.—Reuter.

NAZIS GET THE WORST OF IT

PARIS, TO-DAY.

A GERMAN RECONNOITRING PATROL GOT THE WORST OF IT WHEN IT ADVANCED TOWARDS THE FRENCH LINES EAST OF BLIES AND CONTACTED FRENCH ADVANCE TROOPS.

There was a brief engagement in which bombs and machineguns were used before the Germans hurriedly retreated, leaving two prisoners.

NOTHING TO REPORT

The French communique:—"Nothing to report."

The German communique:—"The day was quiet."

Nevertheless, it is learned that a French patrol had a sharp encounter with a German reconnaissance party east of the Blies. Bombs and machine-guns were used, and the Germans retreated, leaving two of their number behind to be made prisoners.—Reuter.

LABOUR MINISTER EXPLAINS VAST PROGRAMME

London, To-day.

THE DETERMINATION of British workers to help the Government in its new drive for arms production was expressed yesterday by the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

Representatives of the Union visited the Minister of Labour, who explained to them details of the new effort. Mr. Fred Smith, secretary of the Union said:—"It was one of the most ambitious programmes I have ever seen."

The Government, said Mr. Smith, asked the Union to help them get the labour which would be needed, and "we have given the undertaking to do everything possible to assist."

The Minister, Mr. Smith revealed, placed before them a document which he wishes them to examine and a further meeting will be held in from 10 to 14 days' time. The Government is concentrating on its arms drive and a vast labour force will be required.

The Government very much appreciated what the Trade Unions had already done, Mr. Smith concluded.—Reuter.

POLES RISE AGAINST THE NAZIS

Zurich, To-day.

Disturbances in the southern part of German occupied Poland are reported by the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The correspondent adds that similar disturbances which occurred among Polish refugees in Vilna territory were ascribed in Germany to "Secret Allied influence."

The newspaper "Voelkischer Beobachter" and other German newspapers give prominence to incidents in Vilna with the object, it is believed, of justifying a new series of oppressive measures in Poland.

The severity of these measures is defended on the ground that Germany requires to ensure her security in the rear while she is at war with the Allies in the west.—Reuter.

H.M.S. SPHINX LOST

London, To-day.

H.M. Minesweeper Sphinx, 875 tons, foundered with considerable loss of life while being towed to port after she was attacked on Saturday by enemy aircraft.

The "Sphinx", one of the 17 vessels of the Halcyon class, was launched almost a year ago.—Reuter.

SANK WHILE BEING TOWED

London, To-day.

The admiralty regrets to announce the H.M.S. Sphinx, a Minesweeper, foundered in heavy weather while being towed into port with her engines disabled. Very big seas were running when the tow parted and finally the ship capsized.

Sphinx had been damaged by enemy air attacks on February 3.

The commanding officer and four ratings are known to have lost their lives, and four officers and 45 ratings are missing and feared to have been lost. The survivors, consisting of two officers and 44 ratings, have been landed.

Sphinx was a vessel of 875 tons with a normal complement of eighty.—British Wireless.

SOVIET NAVY'S HOPES

It is reported from Moscow that the Russian Navy—emulating "The Lion has Wings"—had hoped by now to have made a similar propaganda film. It was to be called "The Bear has Fins."

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SEEING THE LIGHT

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The "Daily Telegraph" reports that an increasing number of neutral ships are taking advantage of Mr. Winston Churchill's offer and are joining British convoys.—Havas.

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GERMAN "COLUMBUS" PROTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, TO-DAY.
A PROTEST AGAINST THE CONFINEMENT OF 512 SAILORS FROM THE SCUTTLED GERMAN LINER COLUMBUS ON AN ISLAND IN THE BAY HAS BEEN VOICED BY THE GERMAN CONSULATE HERE.

The German Vice-Consul has denounced the action of the U.S. Emigration Department in cancelling shore leave for the crew of the Columbus and has forwarded an official report to the German Embassy in Washington.

This may develop into an international incident if the German Embassy sends a formal protest to the Department of State.—Reuter.

MORE WORKLESS

London, To-day.
The number of unemployed on the registers on January 15 showed an increase of over 157,000 compared with Dec. 11 last.

Over 130,000 of the increase was accounted for by industries adversely affected by frost and snow.—Reuter.

TIN LICENCES

London, To-day.
A Board of Trade Order adds tin to metals which, with their alloys in unwrought forms, require licences for export to any destination.

The Order came into force on Sunday.—Reuter.

DISPUTE SETTLED

London, To-day.
The districts of the Mineworkers Federation by an overwhelming majority have accepted the coalowners offer in the wages dispute.—Reuter.

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AT THE KING'S THEATRE

REDS REDUCED TO STARVATION

Helsinki, To-day.

THE WIDESPREAD SOVIET air raids over the week-end continued yesterday.

Kayana, at the head of the railway running from southern Finland to the centre, was bombed, and Rovaniemi had another raid. There were also attacks on a Swedish ambulance unit.

During the week-end raids, Viborg and Abo were severely damaged and many of the principal buildings were wrecked or partially gutted by fire.

At Viborg, the raiders directed their bombs at the Cathedral and at the working class district in the old town, which was heavily bombed. Fortunately, 85 per cent. of the population had been evacuated.

Several neutral correspondents agree that in the recent raids the Soviet airmen concentrated on the bombing of hospitals and churches; many small country churches have been bombed during the past few days.

FROM ESTHONIAN BASES

Many of the raiders are said to have taken a short cut across the Gulf of Finland from bases in Esthonia and the Finnish air force accordingly retaliated on Sunday by bombing Soviet troop concentrations and air bases in Esthonia.

Soviet attacks on the Mannerheim Line continued yesterday despite heavy losses. The Finns claim that at least 1,000 were killed and their bodies are piled high in front of the barbed wire.

The attacks are expected to continue, as Soviet reinforcements are on their way from Moscow and southern Russia.—Reuter.

SOVIET DIVISION WIPED OUT

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING HERE LAST NIGHT THE FINNS HAVE GAINED ANOTHER BIG VICTORY.

The 18th Soviet division, which was marooned for a week at Kitlea, north-east of Lake Ladoga, has been virtually wiped out.

Between 1,500 and 1,000 men were killed, captured or died of cold hunger.

OUTFLANKING FAILURE

It is confirmed that yesterday's victory marks the culmination of the failure of the Russian attempt to outflank the Mannerheim Line.

Five hundred Russians were killed north of Lake Ladoga.—Reuter.

RUSSIANS' GHASTLY FLIGHT

Helsinki, To-day.

Every Soviet attack designed to relieve the marooned 18th Division was hurled back and heavy Finnish artillery on the island fortress of Mantsinaari continuously peppered the only road from Kitlea.

The beleaguered Red troops were in a ghastly plight; their supplies were cut off and they were compelled to eat horses.

Once a Russian plane tried to drop bread but it dropped in the Finnish lines.

CURTAIN OF SHELLS

Much credit for the victory goes to the Finnish ski patrols who worked swiftly around and through the dense snow-filled forests north of the Russians, and when the order was given all began to close in.

The Soviet officers too late realised their position and made an effort to break through along the shores of the lake, but this move was foreseen and the batteries on Mantsinaari dropped a curtain of shells, while larger bodies of Finnish troops, armed mainly with machineguns, steadily closed in from the surrounding woods.

RELIEF IMPOSSIBLE

The marooned division appealed by wireless for help. Other Soviet units tried to respond and made great efforts to silence the Mantsinaari guns but neither bombing nor sallies across the ice made any impression on the Finnish artillerymen.

Reinforcement from the Russian frontier was impossible because a relieving force could never have penetrated the dense trackless forest with a chance of arriving safely or quickly enough.

REDS DEMORALISED

The Finnish commander waited for the critical moment and then sent

NAZIS MAY HELP REDS IN FINLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Berne, To-day.

Reports from Berlin state that Germany is prepared to extend Russia camouflaged military assistance in the Finnish campaign.

A "volunteer corps" might be created, while German officers might be appointed to Moscow as military advisers to the Soviet General Staff.—Havas.

U.S. RESCUE DRAMA

SAN FRANCISCO, TO-DAY
AFTER TWO DAYS' OF BATTling MERCILESS SNOW STORMS IN AN ARMY TRANSPORT PLANE, TWO INJURED C.C.C. BOYS FROM ARIZONA ARE NOW UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT HERE.

One, a boy of 19, is suffering from a broken back, the other a kid of 17, has a broken arm and shoulder, sustained in a lorry accident on Xmas Day.

When they did not respond to treatment at the camp, it was decided to bring them to San Francisco by air, but snow storms sprang up and the plane had to come down at Salt Lake City for a while.

They were landed at Hamilton Field on Sunday, and rushed by Army ambulance across the San Francisco Bay Bridge to a military hospital.—Reuter.

patrols for a final onslaught against the broken and demoralised Russians.

The booty was not expected to be as extensive as after the victory at Suomussalmi, but would certainly be considerable.—Reuter.

MASTERPIECE OF UNDERSTATEMENT

Moscow, To-day.

A Red Army communique regarding Sunday's operations in Finland states that there were some patrol activities and some infantry clashes in the region north of Lake Ladoga.

There was also reconnaissance and bombing by Soviet aircraft.—Reuter.

HEAVY LOSSES

Helsinki, To-day.

At least 3,000 Russian soldiers were killed when the Finns repulsed four attacks against the Mannerheim Line, it is now estimated.—Reuter.

FINNISH AIR SUCCESSSES

London, To-day.

Confirmation has reached London of reports of astonishing successes of the Finnish air force against the Soviet, writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

It is estimated that hitherto the Russians have lost at least 240 planes while only fifteen Finnish machines were brought down.

Most of the Russian losses were attributed to air combats.—Reuter.

TERMINUS RAIDED

Helsinki, To-day.

Red aircraft yesterday morning raided Hajaani, terminus of the railway running northwards through central and southern Finland. No details are yet available.

Recently Soviet airman appear to have been concentrating on bombing hospitals and country churches. Many places of worship have been burned down as the result of such attacks.—Reuter.

RAPID INDIA MOVES

Mr. Gandhi's Conference With Lord Linlithgow

DISCUSSIONS TALKS END ABRUPTLY

New Delhi, To-day.

THE MAHATMA GANDHI had a two-and-a-half hour talk with the Viceroy yesterday morning; the conversation had been awaited with expectancy as it was arranged with a view to making a further effort to solve the constitutional problem and to reach a settlement of Hindu-Moslem differences.

An agreed communique issued following the conversation said: "In response to an invitation from His Excellency, Mahatma Gandhi to-day came to see the Viceroy. A long and very friendly discussion took place during which the whole position was exhaustively examined.

"Gandhi made clear at the outset that he had no mandate from the Congress Working Committee and that he was not empowered to commit it in any way and could speak on behalf of himself only.

"His Excellency set out in some detail the intentions and proposals of His Majesty's Government. He emphasised in the first place their earnest desire that India should attain Dominion status at the earliest possible moment and to facilitate the achievement of that status by all means in their power.

"The Viceroy drew attention to the complexity and difficulty of certain issues that called for disposal in that connection, in particular the issue of defence in Dominion position.

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

"He made it clear that His Majesty's Government was only too willing to examine the whole field in consultation with representatives of all parties and interests in India when the time came.

"He also made clear the anxiety of His Majesty's Government to shorten the transitional period and bridge it as effectively as possible.

"The Viceroy drew attention to the fact that the Federal Scheme Act, while at present in suspense, afforded the swiftest stepping stone towards Dominion status and its adoption. The consent of all concerned would facilitate the solution of many problems that had to be faced in that connection.

OFFER STILL OPEN

"The Viceroy added that the offer he made in November of the expansion of the Governor-General's Council remained open and that His Majesty's Government was prepared to give immediate effect thereto.

"Subject to the consent of all parties affected the Government was also prepared to re-open the Federal Scheme in order to expedite the achievement of Dominion status and facilitate the settlement after the war of issues to which it gave.

DEADLOCK

"Gandhi expressed appreciation of the spirit in which the proposals were made but he made clear that in his view they did not at this stage meet the full demand of the Congress Party.

"He suggested and the Viceroy agreed, that in the circumstances it would be preferable to defer for the present further discussion with the object of finding a solution of the difficulties which have arisen."—Reuter.

RAPID DEVELOPMENTS

New Delhi, To-day.
As a result of Mr. Gandhi's early departure the proposed meeting with Mr. Jinnah, leader of the All-India Moslem League, is not taking place.

The unexpectedly rapid developments yesterday have caused surprise but it is noted that the communique suggests that consultations have only been deferred. — Reuter.

COALITION CABINETS SUGGESTED

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

APART FROM THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED LAST NIGHT, NOTHING MORE HAS BEEN REVEALED ABOUT THE 2½-HOUR TALK BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL AND MR. GANDHI YESTERDAY.

Mr. Gandhi has already been in touch with Moslem opinion as a result of his conversation with Sir Sikander Hyat-Khan, the Premier of the Punjab.

Another prominent Moslem, Abul Kasem Fazul Hug, Premier of Bengal, put forward the suggestion on Sunday that coalition Cabinets be formed in the Provinces for the duration of the war. He considered that this would pave the way for unity between Hindus and Moslems.

There has as yet been no reaction to this suggestion from Congress circles. — Reuter.

THE KREMLIN REGRETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet Government has expressed regret to Estonia over the recent firing at an Estonian plane in Tallinn harbour by a Russian warship. It was pointed out that the affair was due to a mistake.

The Kremlin stated that the Soviet Estonian pact forbids planes to fly over Tallinn or Soviet warships in the harbour. — Reuter.

MOTORIST'S ESCAPE

Mr. A. E. Atkins had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday morning when his car collided with a bus on Castle Peak Road.

The accident occurred when Mr. Atkins attempted to pass a lorry in front.

Only slight damage was caused to both vehicles, the drivers managing to pull up in time.

NAZI OFFICIALS SENTENCED

Kaunas, To-day.

A despatch from Koenigsberg says that 32 Germans, including eight municipal officials, were tried before the special court at Koenigsberg on charges involving the illegal granting and receiving of ration cards.

One official was sentenced to death and 27 others were sentenced to terms of hard labour varying from two months to 15 years. The remaining four accused were acquitted. — Reuter.

DENIAL BY MOSLEY

MANCHESTER, TO-DAY.

SIR OSWALD MOSLEY, FUHRER OF THE BRITISH UNION OF FASCISTS, IN A SPEECH YESTERDAY DENIED ALLEGATIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, MISS UNITY MITFORD, HAD BEEN AIDING THE ENEMY.

He also charged that the man (believed to be a Mosley adherent) who interrupted the recent speech of Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester was taken back-stage and there "mercilessly beaten."

A Conservative Party spokesman has denied this. — Reuter.

*** What a pity!

SWEDISH DECISION

Stockholm, To-day.

The conference between Swedish and Norwegian State railway representatives at Ostersund is reported to have agreed to divert Swedish exports from the Baltic to Norwegian ports.

At the time when Germany first seized Swedish cargoes of pulp certain Swedish producers took steps to ensure warehouse accommodation in Norwegian ports with a view to such diversion. — Reuter.

PROPAGANDA IN THE NEAR EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

Observers point out the recent efforts of Russian and German propaganda in the Near East.

Berlin shortwave radio stations issue broadcasts in the Arabic language.

The Russians are trying the mass distribution of tracts lauding Stalin and Hitler in Palestine, Iraq and Iran.

The Kremlin has even tried to obtain concessions to build a new railway in Iran for lengthening the Khols and Molman railways towards the trunkline linking the northern Iraq frontier to the Mosul oilfields. — Havas.

NAZIS SCOFF AT REPORTS

Berlin, To-day.

Official circles here scoff at reports that Germany is sending arms and munitions to Soviet Russia.

"Such stories are unfounded nonsense," is the official comment. — Reuter.

*** The "Daily Telegraph" yesterday reported from Stockholm that two German vessels from the Baltic took on Norwegian pilots for a journey to Petsamo and Murmansk with artillery, guns and ammunition, and that Soviet submarines are to be exchanged for Nazi warships.

FOR WAR RELIEF

An exhibition of dwarf plants and miniature landscapes is to be held at the Kowloon Tong School, in Cumberland Road, in aid of China War relief funds. The exhibition will last from Friday to Sunday, opening each day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission fee is 20 cents.

NO ISSUE SHORT OF VICTORY OR DEFEAT

London, To-day.

MOST OF THE BRITISH PRESS acclaims the week-end speeches of Mr. Oliver Stanley, Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. Clement Attlee.

The "Manchester Guardian," for instance, writes that the case against premature and unconditional peace negotiations could not have been more tersely and effectively put than it was by Mr. Oliver Stanley.

The "Daily Telegraph" warns against agencies that are at work trying to enfeeble the nation's purpose by suggestions that an easy option to the persecution of war is available.

ON OR DOWN

Mr. Oliver Stanley was right in emphasizing that in this struggle there can be no issue short of victory or defeat, the paper continues. We must go on or go down, and with us stands or falls civilization.

The "Daily Herald" says that Mr. Attlee's speech has shown the way to

disprove German lies that Britain is fighting an imperialist war.

DEEDS LOUDER THAN WORDS

That way is by renouncing all claims to special rights in colonial territories, by declaring Britain's preparedness to bring everyone of the Colonies under a mandatory system and by pushing forward a self-government system whenever practicable.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE BIG QUESTION

WHEN TO DISCUSS PEACE

The first basic decision must be made on the basis of right and wrong, but beyond that point is the big question as to whether the United States is ready to assume the responsibility for dictating the terms which give application to the answers as to right and wrong. In other words, is the United States reaching the point of assuming responsibility for putting the Far Eastern house in order?

We do not overlook the fact that the vehicle through which the American policy finds expression is economic, that it is a trade treaty that is up for renewal. But let us not forget that military interests and action are involved in the "request" suggested for presentation to Japan. In other words the American procedure involves a tie-up of the economic and the military factors.

At first glance one would assume that the Japanese would have to value her programme in China above her trade with the United States, which would mean that if given the choice between withdrawing the armies of conquest from China and losing the right to trade with the United States the answer would have to be in favour of continuing in China. That would be the case . . . no doubt about it . . . if the prospects were favourable for success in China. Therefore the feeler from Washington must be considered to carry a strong hint of admission of failure in China. It is logical to assume that Washington is watching every indication or hint from Tokyo and elsewhere in the Far East so to the lay of the land and the turn of events in this connection.

It is interesting to note that from Moscow comes the allegation, printed in a Soviet official organ, that the American action in terminating the trade treaty with Japan was designed to get a free hand in China for the United States, that the move was so timed to take advantage of Japan and of Great Britain in their respective embarrassed positions. Before swallowing that, we well might recall the date of the Washington notice of termination of the treaty with Japan . . . last July, when the international situation was decidedly different from what it is to-day. — Manila Bulletin.

It will be time enough to discuss peace when the war is much further advanced, and when the outlook for the allied victory is more certain. To split hairs at this time will only serve to confuse people, and to suggest to Germany's leaders that public opinion in Great Britain is not unitedly determined to fight the war to a conclusion. — Calgary Herald.

CZECH UNREST

How much it may cost Germany to keep Austrians, Czechs and Poles repressed during the war it is difficult to estimate. Czechs and Poles are disarmed, but they are desperate. An uprising in such circumstances is a tragic and pitiful thing. Nevertheless its effect on the use and disposition of German forces may be considerable. Reports from Hungary report columns of German motorized troops being moved into Prague. Such troops are not only rendered unavailable for other fronts; they are using up quantities of petrol which as yet the Germans are not in a position to replace. And they are rendering more, and not less, impossible any eventual Czech acquiescence in German rule. — The Sunday Times.

NEUTRAL WATCH

It was a wise and diplomatic time for Holland to warn of her intention to defend her boundaries. The lull allows its importance to be quietly understood without risk of quickening a period of tension. The same can be said of King Carol's speech in Bessarabia, that province which is thought to be a Russian ambition. He declared that.

No enemy will be able to set foot on Rumanian soil so long as Rumania displays her existing spirit of unity. It is possible that both these firm statements from neutral countries owe something to Finland's resolute fight. That struggle will be among history's heroic examples. It has exposed the weakness of one giant, and it has shown the strength of a small and independent people fighting for existence and the right. In some way it may act as a challenge to other small States to rate their own independence no less precious.

Italy and Hungary, whose Foreign Ministers have ended a meeting at Venice, have to consider indirect more than direct threats. Their watch is also to preserve what they have, but they have time, as they look at the world, to wonder what possible good might be gained by them out of its disturbances.

They are both members of the Anti-Comintern Pact, the child and victim of Nazi Germany, and no doubt exists that they both fear the westward advance of Russia. Count

Ciano did not hide, in his recent speech, his view that it was a misfortune when Germany brought Russia into Europe, and the Communist apparition partly explains the more friendly relations between the Vatican and the Italian State. Hungary had a bitter experience of Communism under Bela Kun in 1919, which woke in her a fanatical hatred of all its works until this day. She has now a common frontier with Russia, a regret for the disappearance of her old friend Poland, and a knowledge that she possesses a seditious Nazi minority of her own. There is no expectation of any formal pact after the talks between Count Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, and Count Ciano. The Russian threat does not come very near to them as yet, and Italy, if Germany has disappointed and misled her, probably still has hopes of diplomatic profit from what is left of the Axis. — "Manchester Guardian."

THE POLICY OF THE MALANITES

Dr. Malan, and those who are working with him, in attempting to seduce members of the old

United Party from their allegiance to the principles of national fusion, no longer seek to mask the fact that they are working purely on race basis. It is only by reference to that discreditable ideal, which is

closely linked up with a republic, that they have been able to formulate anything in the nature of an appeal to South Africans. Their real interest in South Africa is limited by considerations about their survival as political entities. That survival is now beginning to be doubtful, for from every part of South Africa comes the heartening news that these appeals, though here and there they have succeeded in intensifying bitterness, are steadily losing ground. — Cape Times.

FOR FREEDOM

It is obvious that India's whole-hearted co-operation in this great emergency would be of enormous value to Britain and would be welcomed by her. But such co-operation can only be expected from a contented and free people. To die for freedom is a noble ambition but only the free can be inspired by it. — The Hindu.

TOO FAR TO GO?

England has started a campaign of lies worse than anything before. Germany takes note of this outburst but feels it below her dignity to answer. — Dr. Goebbels.

RUSSIANS FORCED TO BUILD A "MOLOTOV LINE"

"TIP AND RUN" RAID CLAIMS

London, To-day.

The silence of the Admiralty regarding the successes claimed by Germany in Saturday's "tip and run" raids on British shipping causes no surprise in informed London circles.

It is recognised here that the German claims include the usual exaggerations made in the hope that specific contradictions will reveal much desired information.

It is pointed out that unlike submarines, aeroplanes have no opportunity of staying in the vicinity and verifying damage inflicted, and at the best, pilots' reports can only give impressions obtained in a very short space of time.

This disability is probably accentuated in the case of German bombers whose crews wisely show no inclination to await the arrival of British fighters.

The return to port of some, and news of the continuation of the voyage of others, of the ships attacked is, meanwhile, offering convincing evidence of the gross exaggeration of the German claims.—British Wireless.

BELGIAN RIGHTIST SURPRISE

Brussels, To-day.

The speech last night by M. Cauplate, President of the Chamber and leader of the Flemish Right Party, in which he aligned himself with the Government on neutrality, has aroused considerable interest in political circles.

He rebuked certain Flemish nationalists who, he said, believed that the test of neutrality was solely respect for Belgium's frontiers and added: "Our neutrality is freely undertaken and not forced upon us."

"If southern Holland were invaded we should be in a position to revise our viewpoint."

"What guarantees for maintenance of our independence could we possibly have if Holland were attacked? We must beware of adopting a passive attitude." — Reuter.

NEW AIRLINE DISCUSSED

NEW YORK, TO-DAY. PLANS FOR THE INAUGURATION OF SUB-STRATOSPHERE MAIL FLIGHTS FROM ABOUT MAY 1 WERE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY BY 150 T.W.A. TRAFFIC AND OPERATIONS MEN.

It is expected that one flight each way daily will be maintained at the beginning. Six 4-motor Boeing stratosphere planes, with sealed cabins and supercharged engines, will maintain the service, flying at 20,000 feet.

West Coast terminals will be San Francisco and Los Angeles.—Reuter.

THE NEW SOVIET WEAPONS

FROM LELAND STOWE, OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN FINLAND

North of Viborg, To-day.

THE RED ARMY DIVISIONS which were supposed to conquer most of Finland before Christmas have now been forced into the indignity of constructing defensive positions — what might be called the initial phases of a "Molotov Line." According to sources commanding great respect, the Russians are digging in between the Viborg-Leningrad railroad and Muolaa and between Muolaa and Lake Suvanto. In other words, directly opposite the entire centre of the Finns' Mannerheim Line.

This new, almost startling, development marks a new phase in the Russo-Finnish war. As yet its full meaning is not clear. The seventh Red Army corps on the Isthmus may be constructing defensive fortifications for the duration of the winter, or may be building strong lines which would facilitate offensives elsewhere on a still larger scale.

In any case it is noteworthy that the Soviet forces have been compelled to abandon purely offensive tactics on the very front where their heaviest and most relentless drives have been launched repeatedly for over a month. It may be equally important that the Reds as yet are only barricading themselves behind trenches, tank-traps and pill-boxes in the heart of the Isthmus. Unless they proceed to construct and extend this Molotov Line all the way across, it will not be possible for the Soviets to hold the centre with reduced forces and to concentrate much heavier troops and materials for drives against either of the western wings of the Mannerheim Line.

On the eastern flank, Lake Suvanto and the Taipale River constitute a strong natural position for the Finns. On the western side of the Karelian Isthmus the Soviets made most progress, and the terrain is less favourable for the Finns. One wonders therefore whether the Reds may be preparing for an unprecedented drive in the direction of Viborg.

Meanwhile, the Russian divisions on the Isthmus have considerably improved their fighting methods and show recent signs of having learnt some elementary lessons from the severe punishment which the Finnish troops inflicted on them in the first month of the war. As a result it is now possible to give more authentic information regarding the military tactics employed by the Russians on the Isthmus and also regarding some weapons they are using extensively.

NEW SHELLS

Almost nightly since just before Christmas the Soviet long-range

artillery has been bombarding Viborg, Finland's third largest city, now a seaport which is almost uninhabited. It has been established that this mysterious artillery consists of four or five specially constructed eight-inch naval guns. They are moveable and their positions are changed daily. They fire what is described as a new type of aerodynamic projectile which is shaped like a pine cone, giving additional carrying power to the shells.

So far, more than 80 of these projectiles have been hurled at Viborg from a distance of 20 miles. Since their explosive strength is limited they have not yet caused any excessive amount of damage. The guns are fired at shifting points between Viborg, the Leningrad railroad and the Kasen river.

The Russian infantry attacks which at first were in mass formation and extremely amateurish have greatly improved in this sector. The majority of the Soviet troops are still badly trained, but elite Red shock troops are now mixed in with them. As yet the shock troops are not numerous. Consequently, they are shifted from one sector to another and thrown in as a spearhead for advance wherever new attacks are launched. The shock troops do not advance in mass formation like inexperienced conscripts, but Finnish soldiers say they have not shown any capacity for disciplined fire, even though they carry first class rifles equipped with telescopic sights.

In the first weeks of the war the Soviet tanks advanced without infantry support. Now the infantry goes with them and the Red Tank Corps, after enormous losses, operates with far greater prudence than previously. The types of tanks used by the Soviets are Christie Vickers, Renault and Ford — all manufactured in Russia — and a fifth type, a 33-ton giant, which is said to have been developed by the Russians themselves.

A 33-TON TANK

The Russians' 33-ton tank is the

WASPISH NOTES TO CEASE

New York, To-day.

A decision to refrain as far as possible from sending any more sharp Notes to Britain over neutrality questions, has been reached by the Administration, according to an Associated Press despatch from Washington.

The despatch says that questions arising between the two Governments are expected to be thrashed out almost entirely through personal conference between officials in Washington and the British Ambassador, or between British officials and the U.S. Ambassador in London.

"The series of waspish Notes which have been sent to Britain in the past two months have stirred up American public opinion to an alarming extent, according to some officials, who could see no advantage in acrimonious debate between the two countries which they envisaged as a direct encouragement to Hitler."

"Naturally this reported new policy would be contingent upon the occurrence of no further serious British violation of American neutral rights." — Reuter.

KING RETURNS

London, To-day.

Their Majesties the King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon, after spending the week-end at Windsor.—Reuter.

AT THE PALACE

London, To-day.

The Minister of Supply and the War Minister had audiences of the King yesterday evening. — British Wireless.

most striking weapon they have yet revealed. It carries one 75mm cannon, two 35mm cannon, four machine-guns and its armour is 37mm thick. Owing to the heavy snows it has not yet been used extensively enough to judge how dangerous it may be, but the Finns have already disabled a number of these 33 tonners.

Most of the tanks used by the Russians fall into two categories, heavy, which range from 14 to 33 and semi-heavy, ranging from 8 to 14 tons. The Red tank losses have, however, already amounted to several hundreds — due largely to the Finns' extremely effective tank-traps and the Finnish soldiers' skilful use of hand grenades and bottles of gasoline, which they throw directly under the tanks as they pass.

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FOOK ON IN ANOTHER COLLISION

The s.s. Fook On, involved in an accident yesterday morning halfway between Macao and Hong Kong, was in the news again this morning when she and a junk hit each other in the harbour. The junk was slightly damaged.

As disclosed in the "China Mail" yesterday afternoon, the s.s. Fook On and the s.s. Macao collided at 5 a.m. yesterday, two hours after both ships left Macao for Hong Kong.

This morning, the owners of the Fook On told the "China Mail" that the boat managed to swerve in time to prevent a more serious accident, though it did, in fact, collide with the "Macao." Damage was only slight.

UNIVERSITY NOMINATION

Under the recently revised Constitution of the University (1937 Revision) registered graduates of Hong Kong University in Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai will have the privilege of nominating three registered graduates to serve as members of the Court of the University. Steps are being taken by the University Alumni Associations at various centres to compile a list of Registered Graduates with a view to implementing the provisions of the statute on the subject.

This development represents a high compliment to Hong Kong University graduates and a notable step on the part of the University Authorities to encourage and retain the interest of Hong Kong University Graduates in their Alma Mater. It is for graduates to respond wholeheartedly and send their best men to serve as members of the University Court.

THIEF WITH A THIRST

The residence of Mr. T. S. Morrison at No. 449, Barker Road, was entered during the morning of Sunday, and 10 bottles of gin, 12 bottles of whisky, and jewellery and silverware to the value of \$1,050, stolen.

The property was all recovered by Inspector C. Baysting on the hillside near the building the next morning.

BOYS COMMENDED IN COURT

Four small Chinese boys, about 10 years of age, were commended by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when they appeared, as witnesses, in a case in which Wang Ching-hong, 18, and his mother, Ho Ying, 39, married woman, were charged with unlawfully appropriating and receiving \$130.

Mr. W. Brown, of the China Light and Power Company, was the complainant. Sergeant MacKenzie prosecuted.

It was alleged that at 11.30 a.m. yesterday in front of the Star Ferry, first accused was seen, by the four boys, picking up an envelope in which was \$130. First accused then ran to his home at No. 86, Canton Road, but was followed by one of the four boys.

First accused was alleged to have offered the boy \$15 to keep quiet but the boy refused to accept it. Meanwhile, the other three boys reported to the police who later arrested both accused. The money was dropped by Mr. Brown.

Awarding the four boys each with \$2 from the Poor Box, Mr. Himsworth expressed his congratulations and advised them to make good use of the money.

Addressing accused's relatives in Court, the Magistrate said, "If I hear of any attempt to touch the boys, I will send you to prison for such a long time that you will forget what the outside world looks like."

First accused was placed on \$50 bond for one year, while his mother was fined \$30, or one month's hard labour.

TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Mr. G. P. Charlton, of Jardine's, was fined \$2 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for parking overtime in Pedder Street on January 3.

Mr. E. W. Perry, of the Naval Dockyard, was fined \$2 for driving in a closed road without a permit. It was said that defendant drove his car along Ice House Street between Queen's Road central and Des Vaux Road, at 10.05 p.m. on January 5.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



NETHERLANDS G.O.C. RESIGNS

The Hague, To-day.
It is reported here that the reason for the resignation of General Reynders as Supreme Commander of the Netherlands Land and Sea Forces is due to differences of opinion with the Government on military matters.

These are reported to include certain measures of his which the Government had to change. There has also been the criticism that his measures cost too much.—Reuter.

WHARF MURDER CASE ENDS

HUI FOK-SING, A COOK FORMERLY EMPLOYED ON THE S.S. SEITSAN WAS THIS MORNING FOUND NOT GUILTY OF THE CHARGE OF MURDER OF PUN YAU-SZE, A COOLIE, OUTSIDE THE DOUGLAS WHARF ON OCTOBER 30 BUT WAS SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS' HARD LABOUR WHEN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Mr. T. J. Gould, assistant crown solicitor, prosecuted, assisted by Inspector Hopkins, while the defence was conducted by Mr. H. W. Lee, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios.

The jury was composed of Messrs. C. A. Goldenberg (foreman) Lam Ho-yin, Lee Chung-yew, Chia Peng-hong, J. Krogh-Moe, D. P. Furtas and Paul Lee.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, accused said that he had been attacked by robbers and that the Police could verify that on enquiries.

Mr. Gould said that accused had no previous record and Mr. Lee said that he had been employed on the ship for the past four years.

The Chief Justice said that from the evidence, the opinion he himself had formed and which he was then able to disclose was the same as that of the jury. Accused was the victim and not the aggressor but he had used a dangerous weapon in a dangerous manner. In this case he would give what in the circumstances appeared to be a light sentence.

SURPRISE FOR SAILORS

London, To-day.

A party of sailors from Newfoundland, some of many who have joined the Royal Navy, are spending a few days leave in London and had an unexpected meeting with Mrs. Neville Chamberlain yesterday morning.

They were being shown the sights of London by women who volunteered to act as guides. When Mrs. Chamberlain heard that the sailors were in Whitehall she came immediately and hatless from No. 10, Downing Street, to see them.

The party formed two ranks and as the Prime Minister's wife approached one of their number called them to attention.

Mrs. Chamberlain spent nearly 20 minutes chatting with the men, who heartily cheered her as she stood on the doorstep of No. 10 before they left.—Reuter.

Mrs. D. G. Wilson, of St. John's Court, Macdonnell Road, has reported the loss of a gold wrist watch valued at \$120 between the Queen's Theatre and Hong Kong Hotel about 5 p.m. yesterday.

JAPANESE IN KWANGSI ENCIRCLED

Liuchow, To-day.

Several Japanese units are encircled by the Chinese southwest of Pingyang, northern terminus of the Nanning-Pingyang highway.

Remnant Japanese troops at Kantonghu have been "mopped up." A thousand Japanese rifles were captured in the engagement leading to the recapture of the town.

The highway between Pingyang and Paitong, which is situated 30 miles northeast of Nanning and 25 miles southwest of Pingyang, is still under Chinese control.

After the Chinese recapture of Wingshun, about 50 miles east of Nanning down the Watkong River, the Japanese troops at Lingliu between Nanning and Wingshun, have been thrown into a precarious position.

Chinese activity behind Japanese lines is unrelaxed. Considerable losses have been inflicted upon the Japanese along the Nanning-Yamchow highway.

Owing to inclement weather, Japanese planes have been inactive on the south Kwangsi front.—Central News.

GERMANS STRIPPING BOHEMIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The impending abolition of customs barriers between Germany and the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia will be accompanied by the introduction of the Reichsmark into the Czech regions and the closure of the Czech Bank of issue.

City quarters point out that this means that the Reich wishes to dispose entirely of the Czech natural resources.

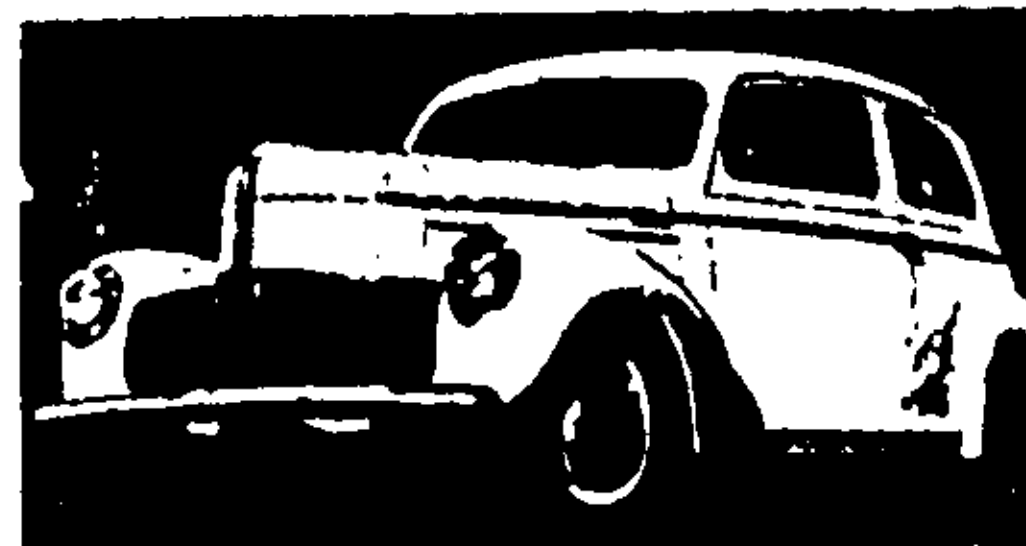
Heretofore, the Czechs were allowed to develop their own export trade, and signed commercial treaties with Rumania and some Scandinavian nations.

The German-Czech customs union will enable the Reich to take over the fulfillment of these agreements to the detriment of the Czechs.—Havas.

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On Thursday, the 8th February, the General Post Office and all Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no collection from the pillar boxes and no delivery by Postmen.

On Friday, the 9th February, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

INWARD MAILS

Canada, U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai — (Vancouver B.C. date, 11th Jan.)	February 6.
Japan and Shanghai	February 6.
Bangkok and Saigon	February 6.
Straits	February 6.
Straits	February 7.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 15th Dec., 1939)	February 7.
Canton	February 7.
Saigon	February 7.
Japan and Shanghai	February 7.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 31st Jan.	February 7.
Haiphong	February 7.
Saigon	February 7.
Shanghai	February 8.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 8.
Haiphong, Hoilow and Fort Bayard	February 8.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th January	February 8.
Shanghai and Amoy	February 8.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London, date 24th January	February 9.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
TUESDAY		
Manila (Parcels only)		Feb. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard		Feb. 6, Noon.
Bangkok		Feb. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai		Tues., Feb. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Manila		Feb. 6, 3.30 p.m.
Straits and London Parcels only—due London, 15th March.	K.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Feb. 6, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 6, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Parcels,	Feb. 6, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Feb. 6, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th February.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 12th Feb.	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Tues., Feb. 6, 7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY		
Batavia, and Sourabaya		Wed., Feb. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin		Feb. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Hoilow		Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Wed., Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow		Wed., Feb. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco, (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 24th Feb.	K.P.O.	
	Par.,	Wed., Feb. 7, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Wed., Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Feb. 7, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Par.,	Wed., Feb. 7, 4.00 p.m.
	Reg.,	Wed., Feb. 7, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Feb. 7, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris 15th February.	K.P.O. & G.P.O.	
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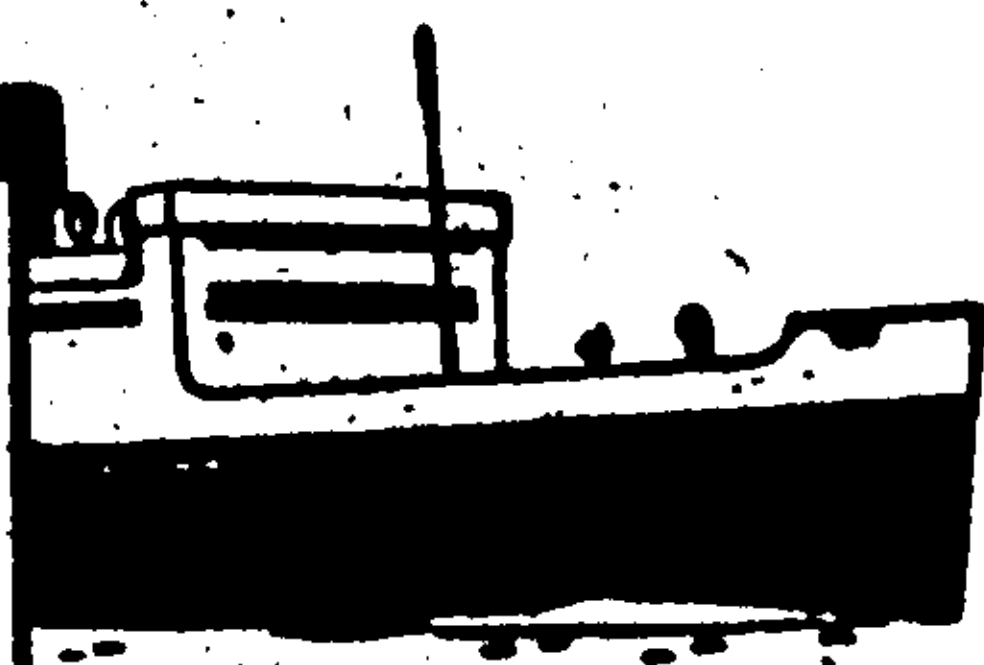
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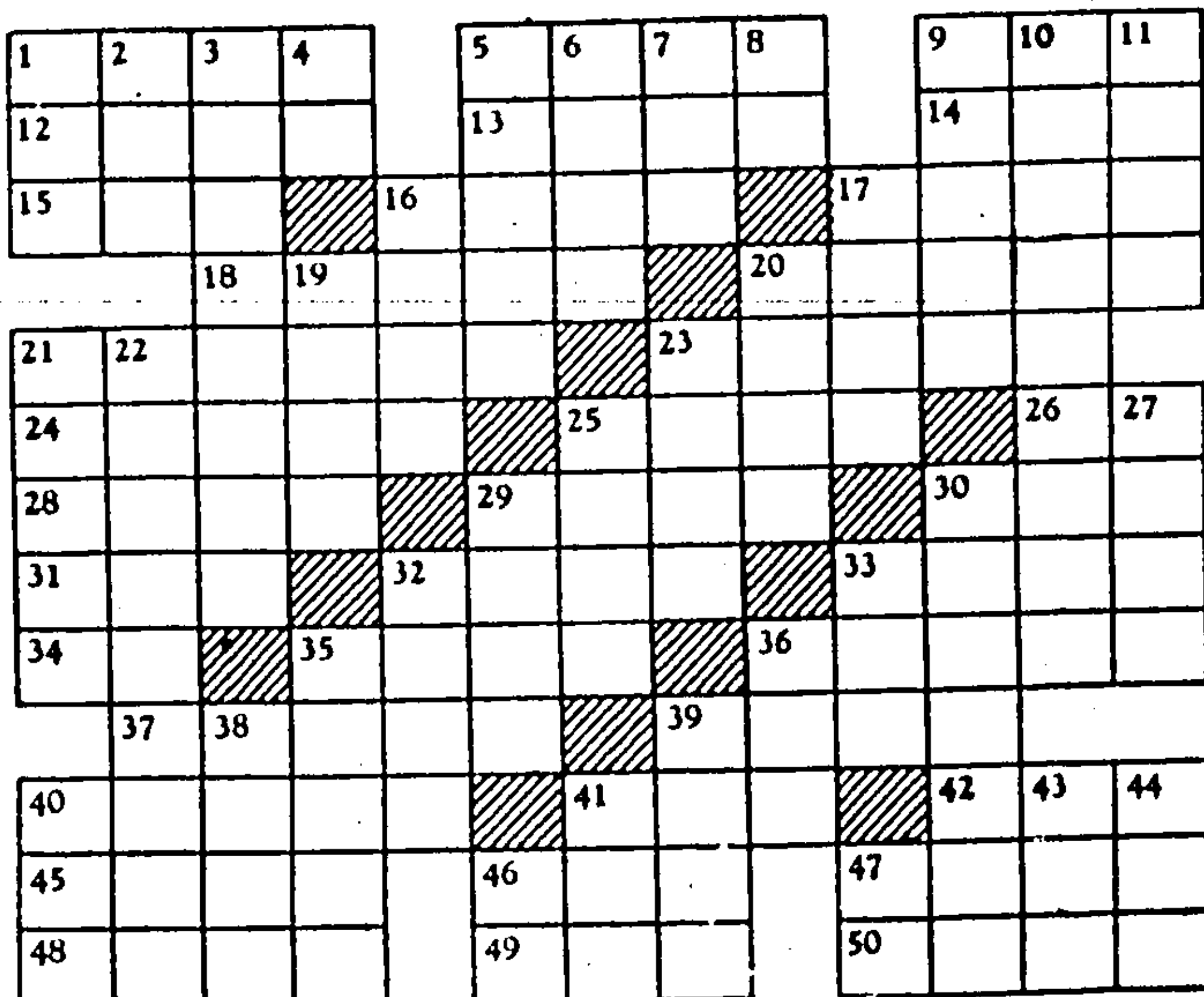
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- 17 European mountains
- 18 Coalescence
- 20 Bird
- 21 To mourn
- 23 Make amends for
- 24 Fish sauces
- 25 Unit of weight
- 26 Pronoun
- 28 Artificial surface
- 29 Voluble
- 30 Japanese coin
- 31 To obtain
- 32 Parasitic plant
- 33 Musical organization
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Buffoon
- 36 Baubles

VERTICAL

- 37 Wolfhounds
- 39 Sticker
- 40 To cramp
- 41 Flat receptacle
- 42 Charged atom
- 45 Elf
- 46 Fish
- 47 To shave
- 48 Bewildered
- 49 To possess
- 50 Dillseed

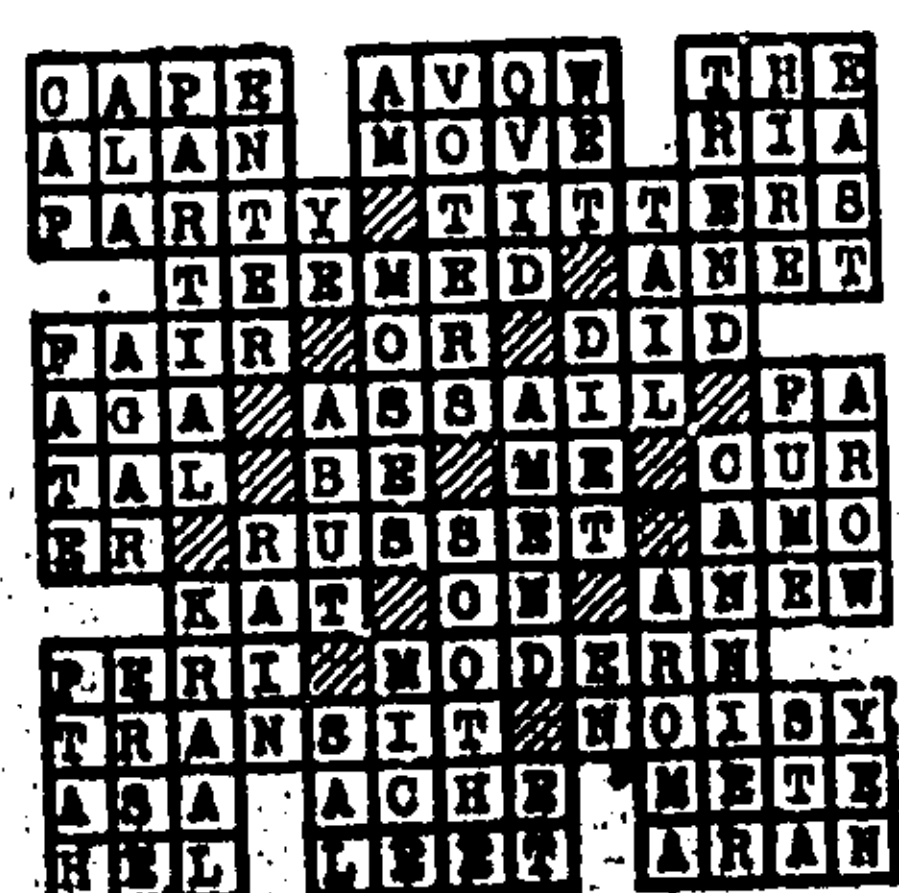
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- 1 To enervate
- 2 Prevarication
- 3 Evidence
- 4 Possessive pronoun
- 5 To fire
- 6 Vegetable

7 Unit

- 8 Pronoun
- 9 Gourdlike plant
- 10 To perceive
- 11 Peril
- 16 Removes seeds
- 17 A particle
- 19 Jutting piece of land
- 20 To penetrate
- 21 Music: slow
- 22 Estranges
- 23 Dry
- 25 Elation
- 27 Aims
- 29 Jewels
- 30 Reptilian
- 32 Habit
- 33 To prohibit
- 35 Ungovernable desire
- 36 Rifle
- 38 To entice
- 39 Stable
- 40 Resort
- 41 Clumsy hand
- 43 Crude metal
- 44 Lace
- 46 To operate
- 47 Parent

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The "jamming" continued during the broadcast of news on the Yunnan railway, and then faded away.

Fortunately, listeners told the "China Mail," Daventry was coming through so extraordinarily powerfully that the "jamming" did not interfere with reception, and was merely a minor inconvenience.

DUTCH TRANS-ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE

London, To-day. Plans for a Netherlands trans-Atlantic service are so advanced that the Netherlands Minister to Washington has been instructed to apply for permission to make the necessary arrangements in the United States, reports the "Daily Telegraph."

The service will be established on a weekly basis at first, but the ultimate aim is to have daily morning and evening connections with New York.—Reuter.

Sgt. D. Davis, of the R.E., residing at Kennedy Road, has reported that on Sunday his house was entered through an open window and \$180 worth of clothing stolen.

GERMANS PLANNED THE MANNERHEIM LINE

THE MANNERHEIM LINE, where the Finns are holding up the Russian invaders, was planned by a German colonel and his staff. There is a man in London who can vouch for this, because the plans for the fortification were prepared in his house in Finland.

He is Mr. P. Boeckel, who was one of the foremost business men in Russia before the Bolshevik revolution. To-day he is a naturalised Englishman in business in the City.

Mr. Boeckel had an estate in Finland on the shores of Muolajarvi Lake, which he used as a summer residence. It was here that the Mannerheim Line was planned.

ESCAPE FROM RUSSIA

"In the beginning of 1918 I escaped

from Bolshevik Russia by crossing the Finnish border," Mr. Boeckel said. "I narrowly escaped being sentenced to death as a Red by a White court-martial at Terijoki, but fortunately I was identified by someone who had known me in Petrograd.

"I was allowed to go to my estate in Finland.

"By this time General Mannerheim had annihilated the Reds in Finland, but only with the help of a division of German troops that had been landed at Helsinki.

"Some time during May a German colonel, with his staff, despatch riders, soldiers, servants, cooks and chauffeurs arrived at my estate. They established their quarters there and allowed me to stay on as a guest in my own house.

"The colonel told me he had been asked by the Finnish Government to work out a defence line in case of a war with Soviet Russia.

"I knew the district well, and took the colonel and his staff all over the countryside so that they could study the lay-out.

"The German officers spent months drawing up detailed plans for fortifications, and before they went away in the late autumn, work was actually started on some of the defences. This was the origin of the Mannerheim Line.

"The German officers who planned the fortifications had nothing but hatred for the Reds, and an alliance between their country and Soviet Russia would have been unthinkable to them in those days."

MATCHES FIXED FOR NEW SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUES

SOUTH "C"

February 10

Arsenal	v	Brentford
Charlton Athletic	v	Chelsea
Fulham	v	Portsmouth
Southampton	v	Millwall
West Ham	v	Tottenham
		Hotspur

February 17

Brentford	v	West Ham
Chelsea	v	Southampton
Millwall	v	Fulham
Portsmouth	v	Arsenal
Tottenham	v	Charlton
Hotspur	v	Athletic

February 24

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SOUTH "D"

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Y.M.C.A. Hockey Sides

Following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey on Saturday:

1st XI v Nomads ("Y" ground, 4.15 p.m.):—Benwell, (Capt.); Jordan and Yourieff; Kempton, Pennington and Waldron; Smith, Gemmell, Taylor, Corser and Bates.

2nd XI v H.K.S.R.A. ("Y" ground, 3.00 p.m.):—Cleggett; Killeen and Grant; Smits, Tomlinson and Broch; Mackenzie, Dormer, Wakefield, Greenberg and Coombe.

There will be no match on Thursday as the ground has been loaned to Recreio for a match against Macao.

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REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

STABBED IN THE BACK: CHAIR DRAMA

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The Calibrians form one part of the Italian colony in New York City. They are ready to fight at the drop of the hat. In the Summer of 1889 two of them — Nicolo Carbone and Natolo Brogno — had a quarrel at Baxter and Leonard Sts. They decided to fight it out with bare fists. Suddenly Brogno fell to the ground — dead. An investigation showed that he had been stabbed in the back. Carbone was tried for the crime, convicted and sentenced to the electric chair.

He sobbed that he was not a murderer and that Brogno was one of his best friends. He would fight him with his fists, but stab him — NEVER!

CONVINCED MAN WAS INNOCENT

Lieutenant Petrosino, hearing of Carbone's protestations, went to the death house in Sing Sing and had a long interview with him. He left convinced that Carbone was an innocent man.

He was due to be electrocuted in 15 days from that date. It was a shocking situation. Could the man be saved and, if so, how was the detec-

By
GEORGE BARTON

tive to go about getting the evidence that would be needed to win a reprieve from the Governor. To merely say he believed the man innocent would mean nothing to the State authorities. Half the men electrocuted go to their doom proclaiming their innocence.

Petrosino wasted no time, hurried to New York City, dropped all other duties, went to the Italian quarter and practically lived there. He made it his business to get into touch with the Calibrians. From them he got the information that there had been a long-standing feud between Natolo Brogno and a man named Allesandro Ceremella. Moreover, Ceremella had left the city the morning after Brogno was stabbed and had not been seen since.



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The detective next found two persons who had witnessed the fist fight. One was a messenger boy, the other a watchman. Both said that just before Brogno had dropped to the sidewalk a man had emerged from the shadow of a doorway and stabbed Brogno in the back. Carbone, intent on the fight, had not seen the new-comer.

With these two leads Petrosino started in search of the suspect. He traced him to Jersey City, to Pittsburgh, to Milton, Del., to Nova Scotia, finally to Baltimore. The fugitive was arrested there and the detective gave him an all-night examination. As dawn appeared Ceremella cried out: "Stop, stop! I can't stand any more. I'm willing to tell the whole story."

He did so and made a signed confession. With this and the two witnesses, Petrosino made a record-breaking journey to Sing Sing and reached the prison just as they were making Carbone ready for that last journey.

The execution was halted and after a hurried hearing the Governor issued a reprieve. In the end Carbone was rightfully given a full pardon. Meanwhile Ceremella was tried, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Those familiar with the facts say that it was one of the most sensational incidents in the history of Sing Sing. It was made possible only by the courage, determination and resourcefulness of Joseph Petrosino.

WHOLESALE PRICES INDEX

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO AN INDEX NUMBER CONSTRUCTED AT THE STATISTICAL OFFICE WHOLESALE PRICES IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG DURING THE YEAR 1939 SHOWED GENERAL AVERAGE DECREASES OF 2.0% AS COMPARED WITH 1938, AND 2.4% AS COMPARED WITH 1937, AND INCREASES OF 24.2% AS COMPARED WITH 1936, AND 28.0% AS COMPARED WITH THE BASE PERIOD OF 1922.

Foodstuffs in 1939 increased by 2.5% as compared with 1938; decreased by 1.0% as compared with 1937; and increased by 19.1% as compared with 1936; and 34.9% as compared with 1922.

Textiles decreased by 8.5% as compared with 1938, and 9.8% as compared with 1937; and increased by 6.8% as compared with 1936, and 6.2% as compared with 1922.

Metals and Minerals decreased by 1.6% as compared with 1938, and 0.8% as compared with 1937; and increased by 35.3% as compared with 1936, and 45.0% as compared with 1922.

Miscellaneous Articles decreased by 1.1% as compared with 1938, and increased by 1.2% as compared with 1937; 36.1% as compared with 1936, and 25.9% as compared with 1922.

MASON'S CHARGES DISBELIEVED

"I don't know why the Police waste their time arresting hawkers instead of raiding opium dens," remarked Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a 44-year-old unemployed mason was charged with receiving a box of detonators on January 30, at Sai Wan Ho, and with unlawful possession of dangerous goods.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. H. Hall, overseer, in charge of the Government Quarry, said that 3,200 detonators, valued at \$448, were stolen from No. 4, Government Magazine, some time between January 16 and 17.

A stone-breaker said that in an opium den in Shaokwan, accused offered him several detonators.

Defendant alleged that witness was an enemy of his.

He said he was compelled to admit the theft, being beaten by a Chinese detective.

He alleged that Chinese detective Lu Mok, together with another struck him all over the body.

Inspector Russell, Officer in charge of the case, told the Court that no report was made by defendant about the assault.

Mr. Houston discharged the defendant owing to doubtful evidence.

ILLEGAL ENTRY

Washington, To-day.

Officials stated yesterday that no leave could be given to members of the crew of the Nazi liner Columbus (now being detained on Angel Island, San Francisco Bay) as they had illegally entered the United States.—Reuter.



An optimist is he who thinks wrapping the packages is the last he'll hear from the family of Christmas giving.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the eastern portion of the anticyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan, leaving a moderate anticyclone over China which will probably increase in intensity. A depression is moving north-eastward across the Loochoos.

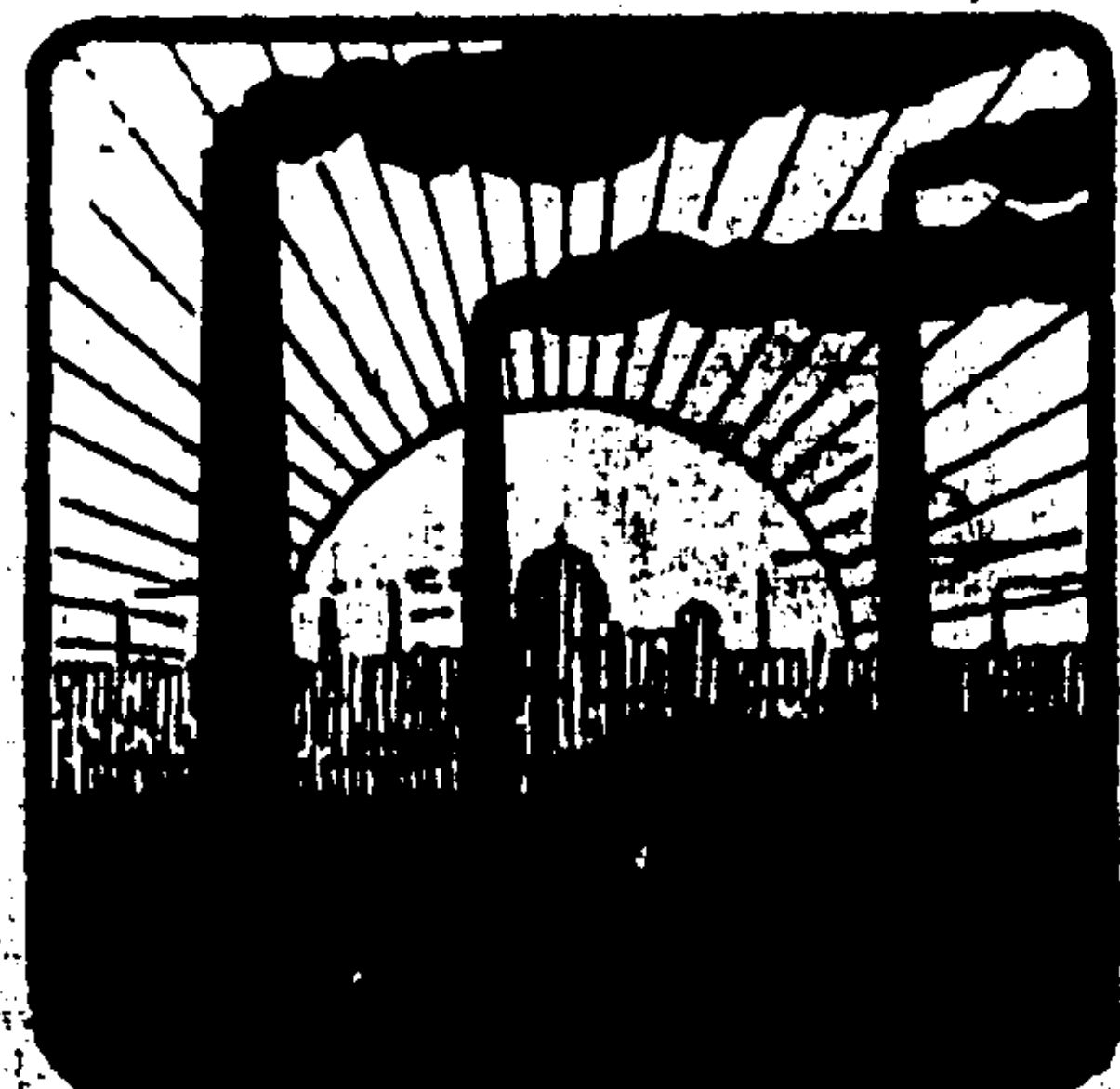
Wong Lam-sang, 35, who snatched a handbag from Miss E. Pratt, a nursing sister at Kowloon Hospital, in Peking Road yesterday, was sentenced by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning to three months hard labour and recommended for banishment.

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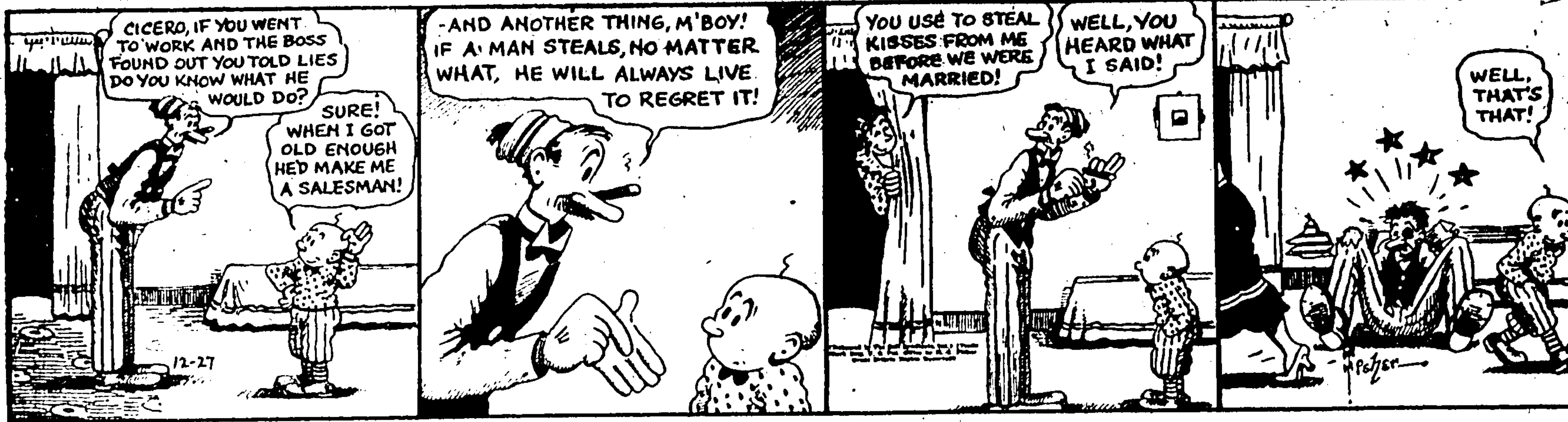
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By BUD FISHER



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London Relays: Variety

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Popular Classics, compered from the Studio.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—A Military Band Concert. "Swan Lake"—Ballet (Tchaikowsky)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Capt. R. G. Evans.
Sea Songs Medley (arr. Vaughan Williams). Intro: Princess Royal; Admiral Benbow; Portsmouth; Life on the Ocean Wave.
Ship Ahoy March (arr. MacKenzie). Intro: The Sea is England's Glory; The Lads in Navy Blue; Ship Ahoy; Sons of the Sea... Massed Bands of The Royal Marines (of

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 Megacycles

Portsmouth Command). Old Folks at Home and In Foreign Lands (C. J. Roberts)... H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.
March Lorraine (Ganne) Le Pere La Victoire (Ganne)... The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards cond. by Capt. J. Causley Windram.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—A Spanish Programme with

Tito Schipa (Tenor).
8.40 p.m.—London Relay—"The Ear of Britain".

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Variety with Graale Fields, Ronald Gourley, John Henry and Others.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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THE RIGHT CONTRACT

We are quite proud of the bidding by South, who happens to be protege of ours. South had in West a brilliant opponent who was not going to make things easy for him. The bidding proceeded normally until South's bid of three notrump. At this point West, who was afraid that three notrump could be made, decided on a sacrifice bid of four diamonds. When North and East passed, South had a difficult decision to make. Of course he could double; but the opponents were not vulnerable and the penalty probably would not be large. Another quite feasible bid would be five clubs, but South did not like the idea of West making the opening lead through his hand (five clubs could not have been made). However, with the help of a long solid club suit, four notrump might be made and South decided to try it.

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 3
♥ Q 7 3
♦ 8 5
♣ K Q 10 9 6 4
♠ J 10
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ A 10 9 7
♣ 3 2
♠ A 8 7 5 4
♥ A J 2
♦ K J
♣ A J 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♥ 3♣ Pass
3NT 4♦ Pass Pass
4NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened a low diamond. East played the Queen and Declarer won with the King. Six clubs tricks were

now played, South discarding three spades. West, having to make six discards, threw three hearts, then two diamonds and finally had to let go of a spade. South now played the spade Ace, then threw West in with a diamond. West ran off three diamond tricks, but then had to lead a heart away from his King. Good bidding and play by South.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ x x x
♥ K x x x
♦ x x x
♣ Q x x

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Burnstone
3NT Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. Even though four notrump should be safe, six is highly problematical and therefore you should be content with game. Score 100% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 327

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold.

♠ A x x
♥ K x x
♦ A K x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:

You Maier Burnstone Jacoby
1♦ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 3NT Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SHANGHAI RUGGERITES CONFIDENT

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY. SHANGHAI'S RUGGER INTERPORT CHANCES ON A HEAVY FIELD ARE CONSIDERED BRIGHT. MEANWHILE, LOCAL RUGGER OFFICIALS ARE BESET BY DIFFICULTIES CONCERNING THE VENUE FOR THE INTERPORT MATCH.

Arrangements were tentatively made for the match at the Canidrome on Thursday morning, but yesterday the pitch was almost completely under water.

It is hoped that the next 48 hours will see a decided improvement, but in any event it is understood that in the event that the Canidrome is totally unfit the match will be played off in the Kiaochow Road Park.

The rain has stopped for the time being, but it is still cloudy.—Reuter.

YACHTING RESULTS

Following are results of the fifth ladies' race, second series, held by Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 9.5 miles:

	Finished	Pos.	Pts.
True Blue	16.46.37	1	8
(Miss Crawhall-Wilson).			
Redshank	16.47.39	2	6
(Mrs. M. N. Luce).			
Guri	16.47.55	3	4
(Miss L. A. Helberg).			
Gull	16.50.23	4	2
(Mrs. G. D. Adams).			

SHIPP BOWLS WELL

The cricket match between Engineers and University on Sunday was held at Sookunpoo, not Pokfulam, as originally arranged, and resulted in a win for the Snappers by 8 runs.

Engineers 155 for 5 dec. (Denyer not out 60, Bailey 31).

University.—147 (A. Bakar 77; Shipp 7—31).

FANLING GOLF

T. Low, returning a card of 102—10 = 92 qualified from a field of 24 in the Captain's Cup February qualifying competition over the Old Course at Fanling during the past week-end.

F. C. Young, with a score of 85—14 = 71, qualified over the New Course. A score of 83—16 = 67 was disqualified as the player had also taken a card on the Old Course.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITY NEAR HANKOW

Changsha, To-day. Gunfire is reported to be audible in the Wuhan tri-cities as a result of the intensification of Chinese guerilla activities in the suburban areas.

Large numbers of Japanese dead and wounded have been sent back to the cities.

As a result of Japanese seizure, there is an acute shortage of rice.—Central News.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yesterday at 21-3/4 for Spot and 21-5/8 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.025 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.\$3.98-7/8.



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TUFFY CHINN IN BEST FORM

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the only game played on the C.B.A. ground last Sunday Chung Hwa did not have any trouble in disposing of Kenny Wong's English Forumers to the tune of 5-0.

Tuffy Chinn was in tip-top form on the mound for Chung Hwa. He almost hurled a no-run, no-hit game, but Cece Winglee came through with a fluke bingle in the sixth frame to register Forum's only hit and to mar Tuffy's no-hit performance.

Bill Quon, Forum's first string hurler, was not so lucky on the rubber. He was nicked for six blows, including two homers by Earl Wong and Tuffy Chinn, struck out none and walked one, while Tuffy Chinn fanned five and walked one. Al Lau tripled for another long-distance hit of the game.

Tuffy Chinn booted for the only miscue committed by the Chung Hwa men and Tommy Young bobbled for the only error chalked up against Forum.

THRILLS AND SUSPENSE

Featured by three homers, one apiece by Dick Alves, Zinho Gosano and Fatty Quinn, Recreio "B" downed Trojans 7-4 in a game full of thrills and suspense. Trojans gave the Bees a good scare in the seventh when the score was 7-4 and Trojans came up for their last bats and managed to fill the cushions with no outs. Jacky Noronha, the Bees twirler, went to work and in one two three order the Trojans faded from the picture.

Connie Pereira, Recreio's third string hind snatcher, did sterling work behind the plate for the junior Rees.

Almeida pitched a good game for Trojans but received poor support from fielders who bungled too many chances.

ARMY RUGBY LEAGUE

Two Army League Rugby games will be played this afternoon at Sookunpoo. Royal Engineers meet Middlesex at 3 p.m. while following this game Royal Scots will encounter 5th A.A. Royal Artillery.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

INTERPORT MATCHES

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the programme for the matches against Saigon has been re-arranged as follows:—

Hong Kong v Saigon.
Friday, February 9, 1940.

Eastern A.A. v Saigon.
Saturday, Feb. 10, 1940.

South China A.A. v Saigon.
Sunday, February 11, 1940.

All matches will be played at Caroline Hill at 3.30 p.m., each day.

Reserved seats: — Covered stand \$2.20, Uncovered stand \$1.10.
Booking now open to the Public at Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd. and Messrs. China Sports Co.

WAHOOS AGAIN BEAT THE RAMBLERETTES

SCORES AT A GLANCE

MEN'S			
Chung Hwa	5	Forum	0
Recreio "B"	7	Trojans	4
GIRLS'			
Wahoos	10	Recreio	4
Canadian Chinese	31	Cubs	7
Pirates	19	Panthers	14

CHARITY MATCHES ON FRIDAY

Two softball tussles are slated for Friday, February 9 at Kowloon Football Club ground in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. The curtain raiser of the double header commences at 2.30 p.m. when Chinese Cuties tangle with the Rest. In the nightcap Portuguese Boys clash with the Rest at 4 p.m.

Prices for admission are \$1.00 into the grandstand and 50 cents into the bleachers. Tickets are going fast, according to the different managers, and it is hoped that all tickets will be a sold for such a worthy cause.

Following teams have been chosen by the Selection Committee:

Chinese Cuties:	The Rest:
Mary Louie	P Therese Noronha
Dot Louie	C Lena Luongo
Lily Mar	1b Yvonne Yolle
Paula Chan	2b Celeste Marques
Mabel Louie	3b Irene Costilho
May Chung	ss Margaret Oliveira
Mary Mar	lf Irene Pereira
Doris Mar	cf Iris Stone
Ulian Khoo	rf Maudie Read

Utility:

Ella Chinn	Thelma Collaco
Gloria Mar	Cynthia Motta
Jean Lee	Jacky Anderson
Rose Louie	Vera Burson
Bella Ma	Thelma Motta
Mgr. Nip Lum	Mgr. Hal Winglee

Portuguese Boys:

Portuguese Boys:	The Rest:
Johnny Alvares	P Herbie Quon
Mike Mendonca	C Nip Lum
Nick Beltrão	1b Terry Leonard
Tony Alves	2b Charlie Waggoner
Spotty Pereira	3b Earl Wong
George Souza	ss Wally Ching
Gerry Gosano	lf Showboat All
Eddie Gosano	cf Den Crary
Caco Marques	rf Stan Leonard

Utility:

Zinho Gosano	Hal Winglee
Johnny Fonceca	Wilbur Wu
Kelly Silva-Netto	Kassa Nazarin
Artura Ozorio	Huckjai Kitchell
Bertie Gosano	Tuffy Chinn
Manager: Henrique Barros.	

INTERPORT FOOTBALL ON FRIDAY

At the meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday it was decided that owing to the delayed departure of the Saigon team, the Interport game between Hong Kong and Saigon be postponed till Friday at Caroline Hill and the programme re-arranged accordingly.

The visitors will meet Eastern on Saturday and will play South China on Sunday as previously arranged.

On Thursday, Chinese New Year's Day, Combined Chinese will meet United Services in a charity match at Caroline Hill.

The draw for the Semi-Final Round of the Shield competitions was made and resulted as follows:—

SENIOR	
Eastern or Royal Scots v S. China "B"	
Middlesex or Police v S. China "A"	
JUNIOR	
30th B.A. or Kowloon v Police	
South China v Engineers	

RUTHIAN CLOUT BY ROZY LUONGO: MARGARET OLIVEIRA NOW USING GLOVE VERY WELL

(By "GRANDSTAND")

IN A RETURN TILT Wahoos again lowered the boom on the Ramblerettes to take the long end of a 10-4 count.

Therese Noronha's twirling was not up to the mark, but her benders were effective enough to hold the Rambling femmes to eight hits. She fanned three and gave one free pass to the first station. Anna Noronha opposed her sister-in-law on the mound and worked hard on the rubber, but her efforts were only good for one strike-out. She walked one and permitted 10 hits including a Ruthian clout by Rozy Luongo in the third canto.

Recreio miscued four times, two of which were bungled by Olga Ribeiro at the hot corner. Wahoos only booted twice, one each by Paula Chan at the keystone and Rozy Luongo at the centre cabbage patch.

Jacky Anderson was again in the limelight at the hot corner, scooping those hot grounders and getting her "man" at the initial sack. She was instrumental in pulling a double killing when she caught a fly off Margaret Oliveira's bat and nailed Nena Ribeiro at the home plate for the final erasure of the game.

Margaret Oliveira just about redeemed those seven errors she made in two previous games in taking six chances against the green-shirted owls without an error. I noticed that Margaret is now using a glove and making good use of it.

Irene Pereira took batting honours with three hits in the three times up.

	R. H. E.
Wahoos	2 0 2 3 1 2 x—10 10 2
Recreio	2 0 2 0 0 0 0—4 8 4

Ulian Khoo Hits The Only Homer

In the curtain raiser of a double header at Prince Edward Road Canadian Chinese femmes ran themselves ragged to swamp Cubs 31-7.

The "Canucks" miscued three more than the Cubs' eight bobbles, but the Bruins did not seem to know what it was all about, much to the chagrin of their mentor Papa Bear Bill "Scoop" Smith.

"Grandma" Hutchinson, who pitched a wonderful game the previous Sunday, was helpless on the slab. She had difficulty in locating the plate to walk twelve, creating a new high in local softball. She whiffed three.

Mary Louie had a easy time on the rubber for the "Maple Leafs", striking out six, walking three and limiting the Bruins to three scratch hits, while her

teammates connected for twenty blows off Grandma Hutchinson.

Ulian Khoo clouted a round-tripper for the only long-distance hit of the fray.

Besides pitching a good game Mary Louie topped the batting list with four singles is as many times at bat. For the Cubs Eva took batting honours with two hits of the three made by her team.

	R. H. E.
Canadian	14 1 7 1 4 0 4—31 20 11
Cubs	2 0 0 0 0 5 0—7 3 8

Maudie Steers Pirates To Deserved Win

The nightcap saw Maudie Read's Pirates pounce on the lowly Panthers for a 19-14 win.

Maudie distinguished herself on the hillock, fanning four and walking three. She allowed Panthers only five hits. Celeste Marques struck out two and gave away no less than nine Annie Oakleys.

Some heavy hitting was witnessed in this tussle. Mary Penson and Lella Xavier both homered, while Paddy Seats and Iris Stone tripled. Maudie Read rapped two doubles.

Iris Stone and Lella Xavier divided batting honours with three hits in five times to bat.

Macleay at the windy alley was rather unfortunate in booting six times in seven chances.

	R. H. E.
Pirates	4 2 5 3 5 0 x—19 10 11
Panthers	2 2 1 1 4 2 2—14 5 10

BISHOP SARGENT LEAVING TO-MORROW

Bishop Sargent, who wasted no time in getting in some cricket during his brief visit to the Colony, is leaving for Fukien to-morrow and does not expect to be back in Hong Kong for another year.

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BOXING TO-MORROW

Army's Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Finals will be contested to-morrow evening—not Thursday—at Murray Barracks, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The Finals are between Royal Scots, winners in 1937-8 and 1938-9, and Middlesex, and there are 15 fights in all on the programme, at the conclusion of which H. E. Major-General Grasett will present the trophies.

The 15 fights comprise one heavy-weight; one light-heavyweight; three lightweight; four welterweight, three middleweight, two featherweight and one bantamweight.

The Band of Royal Scots will be in attendance, by kind permission, and prices of admission are \$1.00 and 50 cents.

The next series of fights will be the Novices' Individual Championships, which will be contested at Murray Barracks on February 19 and 20, commencing at 5.30 p.m. and again at 8.30 p.m., and at 8.30 p.m. on February 22.

Los Angeles.—Alice Marble, Wimbledon and American ladies' tennis champion, can get a guarantee of \$30,000 if she will turn professional this winter. Promoters would also like to land Helen Hull Jacobs.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADY")

Supporters of Boxing should see some good fights in the finals of the Inter-Unit Novices which take place to-morrow. The date has been altered from Thursday the 8th to to-morrow, commencing at 8.30 p.m. at Murray Barracks. Novices' fights are fights in the real sense of the word and undoubtedly all spectators will get full value for their money.

Rugby League

As mentioned last week, the Small Units Rugby League commenced on Thursday, February 1, with a game between R. A. M. C. and 24th Battery R.A., and after a rare battle R.A.M.C. emerged victors by a try (3 points) to nil. This was scored by Pte. Butler, who played an excellent game throughout. He is a newcomer to the Medicals' side, and has come into the limelight at a critical moment as his team has been in difficulties owing to injuries. The game was keenly contested with Medicals slightly the better organised side. They had one slight fault, however, and that was in the line-outs, where they did not always jump for the ball.

This may have been due, however, to the fact that the weight of the heavier R. A. team was beginning to tell. Lieut. Combes, an old Cambridge player, proved very fast indeed and combined well with Pte. Whybro. Corp. Chandler excelled in getting the ball back from the scrum and Pte. Morgan played his usual sound game at back, being very safe and kicking well. 24th Battery will probably upset quite a few teams and it would not surprise me if they reversed the result the next time these two teams meet.

Signals Win

R. A. S. C. and Signals met once more in a friendly fixture on Saturday last and Signals ran out winners by 12 points to nil. They did not have it all their own way however, as R.A. S. C. have improved tremendously and with a few more games should be well up to form. They will be helped by the fact that Scougall, their regular full-back, will be off the sick list and ready to assist with his usual good tackling and kicking. This will

(Continued at foot of next Column)

CRICKET NOTES TO-MORROW

Due to the fact that there will be no issue of "The China Mail" on Thursday next, Adrem's cricket notes and the First and Second Division League Cricket averages will appear in to-morrow's editions of "The China Mail."

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS MATCH

At Happy Valley on Sunday Civil Service Cricket Club beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 9 sets to 7 in their mixed doubles tennis match.

W. J. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner (C.S.C.C.) beat F. F. Clarke and Mrs. P. Peckham 6-0
beat P. Peckham and Mrs. C. E. Turpin 6-0
beat C. E. Turpin and Mrs. F. F. Clarke 6-3
drew with J. B. Sturgeon and Mrs. Sturgeon 6-6
I. Agafuroff and Mrs. G. Hooper (C.S.C.C.) beat Clarke and Mrs. Peckham 6-2
beat Peckham and Mrs. Turpin 6-1
beat Turpin and Mrs. Clarke 6-2
beat Sturgeon and Mrs. Sturgeon 6-2
B. Agafuroff and Mrs. L. Collyer (C.S.C.C.) beat Clarke and Mrs. Peckham 7-5
lost to Peckham and Mrs. Turpin 3-6
lost to Turpin and Mrs. Clarke 0-6
lost to Sturgeon and Mrs. Sturgeon 2-6
J. A. Bendall and Mrs. C. Lucas (C.S.C.C.) drew with Peckham and Mrs. Turpin 6-6
lost to Turpin and Mrs. Clarke 2-6
lost to Sturgeon and Mrs. Sturgeon 5-7

TEN-PINS MATCH

In a friendly 10-pins match at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, a representative Alley Team beat H.M.S. Thracian by 356 points.

ALLEY TEAM				
J. H. Watts	202	167	161	530
J. S. Landolt	207	166	139	512
H. Blount	181	168	116	465
G. Somerville	149	145	111	405
Total				1,912
H.M.S. THRACIAN				
A. B. Dyer	130	130	146	406
A. B. Elrch	103	155	146	404
A. B. Francis	99	125	164	388
A. B. Shipsey	135	104	119	358
Total				1,556

allow Dvr. Reid to have a chance at forward, which should suit him better than the full-back berth. The players of note in the R.A.S.C. team during this game were L/Cpl. Hoskin, Dvr. Wattan, Sergt. Rogers, L/Cpl. Greenwood, Dvr. Beetson-Sneddon shone as hooker and L/Cpl. McPhearson also gave a good performance.

Signals were best served by Signm. Cogbill, who broke up several excellent attempts on the part of the opposition with his keen tackling and good positioning. L/Cpl. Bedford (try), Signm. Morgan (try), and Signm. Hill (2 tries) were the scorers, the latter making one glorious run of 65 yards to score. Unfortunately none of the tries were converted and Signals will have to improve in this respect if they intend to carry off the cup. Signm. Harrington, who has just joined the team, surprised everyone with his standard of play and showed that he was obviously possessed of a sound previous knowledge of the game.

To-morrow's Game

In their game with 24th Battery to-morrow Signals will do well to ginger up their forwards, who are inclined to be slow and are often caught spread-eagled in the loose.

R.A.S.C. versus R.A.M.C. fixture will take place on Sunday next and if R.A.S.C. show the same spirit as they did last Saturday they will give Medicals a tough time.

Anyone requiring Rugby fixtures should apply to the following:—
L/Cpl. Bedford, R. Signals
Pte. Mohan, R.A.M.C.
Pte. Clifton, R.A.S.C.
Bdr. Plummer, 24th Bty. R.A.

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J. T. BAGRAM,
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Hong Kong, Feb. 2, 1940.

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Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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Hong Kong, 5th Feb., 1940.



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Mainland	Feet.
Tai Mo Shan	3124
Kowloon Peak	1971

JUGGLING WITH 000'S

London, To-day.

Unofficial circles in London describe as grossly exaggerated the Nazi claims of sinkings of Allied and neutral shipping in air raids off the English coast.

The German broadcast claims that 150,000 tons of Allied and neutral shipping was sunk between Jan. 21 and 31.

Yesterday, the Zeesen radio increased this figure to 200,000 tons.

The actual figure of Allied and neutral losses between Jan. 21 and 28 is 29,000 tons.

The figures of losses of Jan. 28 to Feb. 4 are to be issued to-day or tomorrow. —Reuter.

C.P.R. LINER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

The 9,874-ton Canadian Pacific liner Beaverburn has been torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic.

The Beaverburn was built in 1927 and was specially strengthened for navigation in ice. Her twin screws were driven by six steam turbines.

The Beaverburn was sunk off the south-west coast yesterday. She is registered in London as a cargo liner, and carries a crew of 70.

It is believed some survivors have been picked up by other ships. —Reuter.

LONDON STEAMER LOST

London, To-day.

The 1,000-ton London steamer Portlet struck a mine and foundered in the North Sea yesterday.

Two were killed by the explosion, and nine survivors have been landed at an East Coast port. —Reuter.

N.Y.K. BAN ON GERMANS

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

GERMAN PASSENGERS OF MILITARY AGE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO TRAVEL IN N.Y.K. STEAMERS, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS.

Intending German passengers must certify they are not members of the fighting forces, but persons having passports with "J." denoting the bearer is a Jew, are permitted to travel in N.Y.K. vessels without hindrance.

Officials of the N.Y.K. said that while Germans were not barred from travelling in the company's ships they were informed they were doing so at their own risk. —Reuter.

"ASAMA MARU" CASE

London, To-day.

Unofficial circles in London state that Britain and Japan have "virtually agreed" on a solution to the "Asama Maru" case, by which a certain number of the captured Germans will be allowed to return to Japan.

The Japanese, it is reported, will in return refuse to carry any more Germans of military age on Japanese ships, while Britain will undertake not to search Japanese ships. —Reuter.

ROOSEVELT THIRD TERM

Hyde Park (N.Y.), To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday flatly and definitely stated that any announcement regarding his third-term plans for the Presidency would be made at a time chosen by himself.

He added that he was shy of questions on the subject. —Reuter.

40 U-BOATS SUNK

Paris, To-day.

The Navy Minister, M. Campinchi, announced yesterday that at least 40 U-boats have sunk by the Allied navies since the outbreak of war. —Reuter.

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The Association is helping to care for the homeless by distributing food and warm clothing.

Arrangements are being made by the local authorities to house the homeless in the refugee camps.

There were 15 deaths from smallpox in the Colony last week, when 21 cases were notified, 14 in Kowloon, five from the harbour and two in Victoria. There were a further six cases yesterday, five from Kowloon and one from the harbour.

Macao, To-day.

Indications that the Japanese are planning another invasion of Chung Shan District are seen in recent movements of troops and activities of warships in the Wangmoon Channel.

General Wu Fei has ordered the destruction of some parts of the Shekki-Macao highways. —Our Own Correspondent.

Tokyo, To-day.

Actuated by a desire to reach an amicable settlement of the "Asama Maru" case, the British Government, in a Note yesterday, agreed to surrender to the Japanese Government nine of the German taken off the liner at a date and place to be mutually agreed.

The Foreign Minister revealed this in the House of Peers to-day, adding that the Japanese Government "is not satisfied by the partial surrender and will continue to demand delivery of the other 12 Germans." —Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Some 50,000 Japanese troops in areas between Nanning and Pingyang are hemmed in on three sides by the Chinese forces, according to Chinese reports. The Chinese, it is said, are attempting to encircle the Japanese, who have not been able yet to make any progress in their drive towards Kweilin. —Our Own Correspondent.

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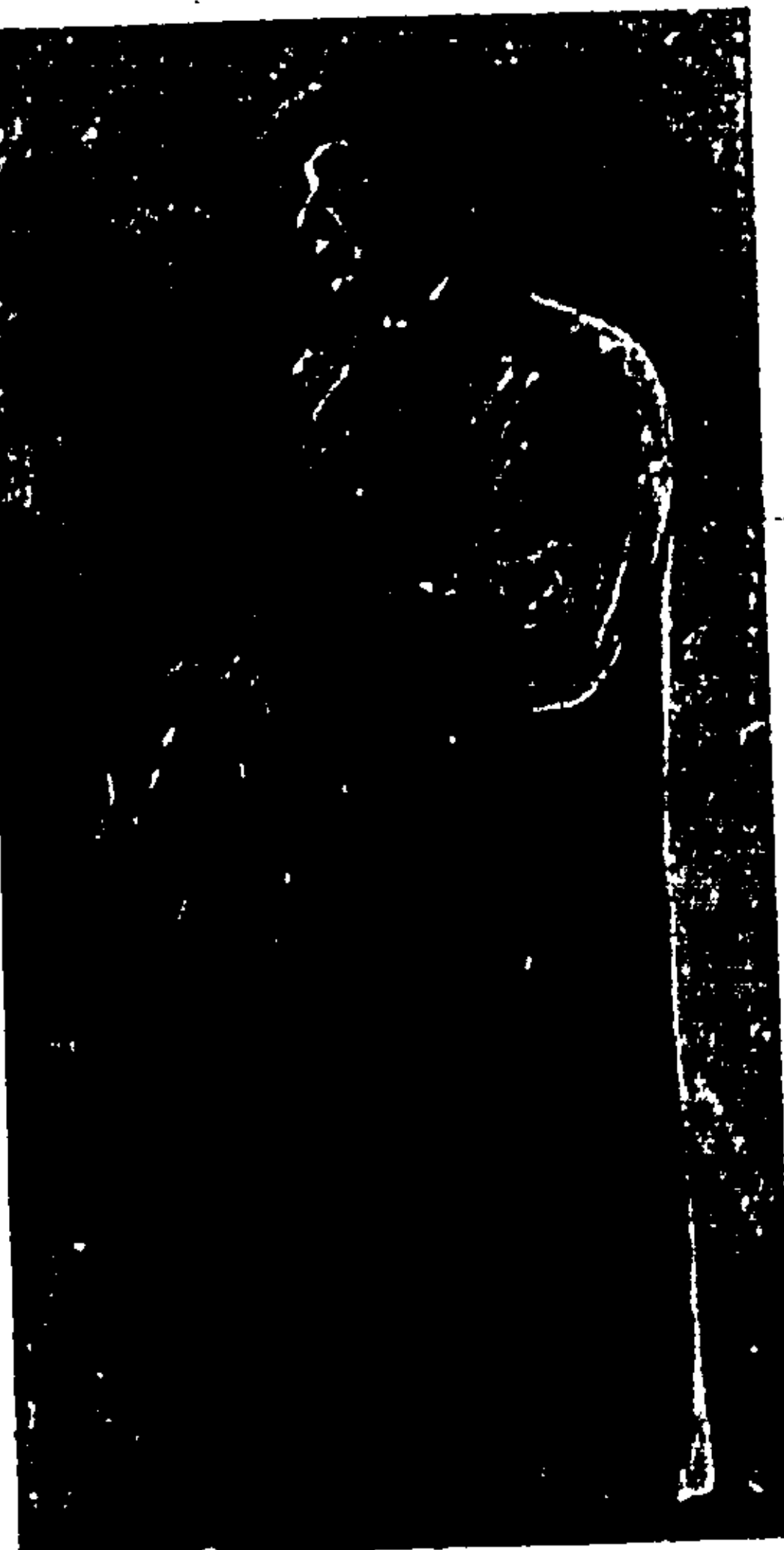
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